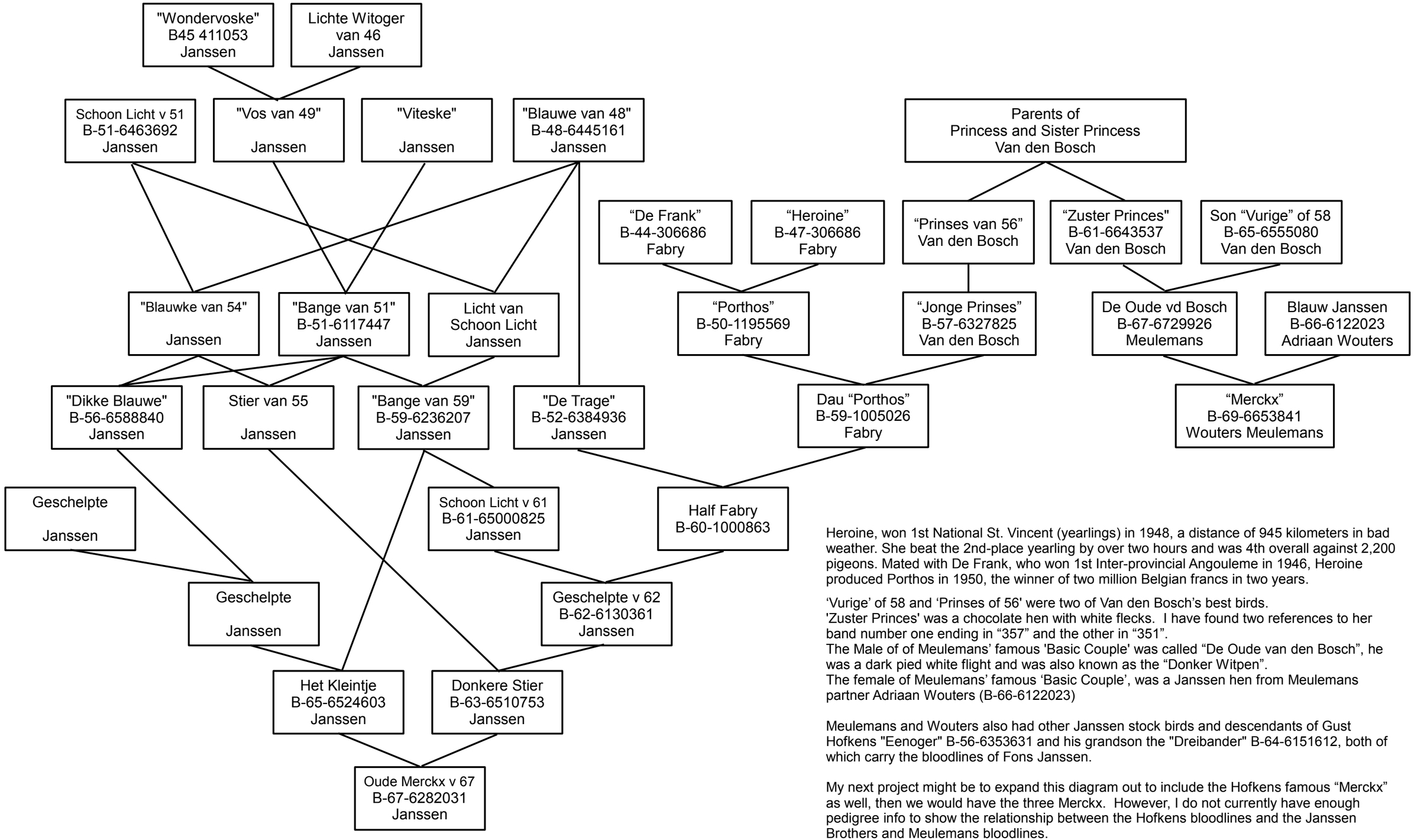

Heroine, won 1st National St. Vincent (yearlings) in 1948, a distance of 945 kilometers in bad weather. She beat the 2nd-place yearling by over two hours and was 4th overall against 2,200 pigeons. Mated with De Frank, who won 1st Inter-provincial Angouleme in 1946, Heroine produced Porthos in 1950, the winner of two million Belgian francs in two years.

'Vurige' of 58 and 'Prinses of 56' were two of Van den Bosch's best birds.
'Zuster Princes' was a chocolate hen with white flecks. I have found two references to her band number one ending in "357" and the other in "351".
The Male of of Meulemans' famous 'Basic Couple' was called "De Oude van den Bosch", he was a dark pied white flight and was also known as the "Donker Witpen".
The female of Meulemans' famous 'Basic Couple', was a Janssen hen from Meulemans partner Adriaan Wouters (B-66-6122023)

Meulemans and Wouters also had other Janssen stock birds and descendants of Gust Hofkens "Eenoger" B-56-6353631 and his grandson the "Dreibander" B-64-6151612, both of which carry the bloodlines of Fons Janssen.

My next project might be to expand this diagram out to include the Hofkens famous "Merckx" as well, then we would have the three Merckx. However, I do not currently have enough pedigree info to show the relationship between the Hofkens bloodlines and the Janssen Brothers and Meulemans bloodlines.

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