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Austrian Simmentals From Ireland

SALZ



PERFORMANCE RECORD

12 Months weight —	590 Kg. (1302 lbs)
24 Months weight —	908 Kg. (2002 lbs)
30 Months weight —	1037 Kg. (2268 lbs)
36 Months weight —	1120 Kg. (2470 lbs)
48 Months weight —	1216 Kg. (2681 lbs)

PROGENY TEST INFORMATION

The American Simmental Sire Summary ranks Salz 6th for ease of calving with an index of 107.5. This survey was undertaken in 25 management units over 106 calvings.

Salz is also ranked 12th for weaning weight with an Index of 103.3 surveyed in 27 management units over 113 progeny.

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PERFORMANCE RECORD

15 Months weight —	635 Kg. (1400 lbs)
24 Months weight —	902 Kg. (1988 lbs)
30 Months weight —	1010 Kg. (2226 lbs)
36 Months weight —	1148 Kg. (2530 lbs)
48 Months weight —	1236 Kg. (2724 lbs)

PROGENY TEST INFORMATION

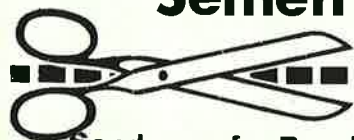
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Editorial

Self analysis can be a personal thing, destructive or creative. Few people spend much time thinking about it, the reverse view can be uncomplimentary.

Analysis of what we do and why we do it can be a most interesting exercise and if carefully considered can produce some worthwhile answers. Applied to us as a Cattle Society or individual breeders it can be a useful tool.

Why do we breed cattle? Probably because it compliments our farming programme. Why do we breed Simmentals? Because they have the potential to produce a better return than others. The questions can be endless —

In trying to formulate the future promotion of the breed such analysis is essential and applied to our own situation, already we have answers that give us direction. If we are to succeed we must produce good cattle that are recognised as such by those who traditionally supply our markets. It is the market place, be it meat or milk, that dictates the acceptance of our breed or any breed. Simmentals are proving that they will produce a better return and in a shorter time.

In the butchers market the percentage yield of saleable meat has proved considerably above the average, resulting in a better return for the retailer. If we are to capitalise on the advantages of the breed we must make every effort to promote it at every opportunity, through selective marketing, participation in meat competitions, presentation of sound and saleable cattle backed by indisputable facts.

Analyse your own situation. Are your cattle up to standard? Are you promoting what you have to the best of your ability? Success is not a short term enterprise, it is the result of careful planning and an analysis of what you are doing.

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People

National Sale 1977



James Veint of Arcadia Station, Glenorchy with his top priced heifer Arcadia Grace which was sold to an Australian for \$5200.



Harley Smyth of Dannevirke does some pre-sale preparation.



Bernard Schumacher and Werner Gut, visitors from Taranaki.



John Robins of Wairaki Station with Australian visitors Brian & Allan Williamson and Keiran McNamara all from Victoria.



Woodford Rouse of Five Rivers, Southland with his top priced (\$4000) bull East Dome Franz which was purchased for Australian Prime Minister Mr Malcolm Fraser.



Doug Blair of Calgary, Canada, discussed an entry with Ron Guthrey, well known Canterbury Breeder.



Peter Sibley (centre) of Wrightson NMA Stud Stock with Dr & Mrs Tallam of Victoria who purchased several $\frac{1}{8}$ heifers.



The 1977 National Sale in Progress.

Annual General Meeting

THE ANNUAL MEETING 1977, CHRISTCHURCH. (THE SOCIAL SIDE)

Friday 24th June heralded the beginning of the annual gathering of Members with the arrival of many people from out of town. The Avon Motor Lodge Hotel quickly became a 'Simmental Centre' and members of the Canterbury and Westland Club assisted most ably by our Office Staff checked people in, identified them and generally got the week-end away to a good start. Saturday dawned fine and arrivals and registrations were completed on schedule for the field trip departure at 9.30 a.m. Approximately 150 Members and friends spent the morning at Guthrey Holdings Ltd., Kaiapoi property, South Island Breeding Centre and the neighbouring property owned by R. G. Macdonald. At South Island Breeding Centre visitors were shown in detail the collection and processing of semen for eventual use in artificial insemination throughout New Zealand and Australia. On Mr Macdonald's property they enjoyed a 'hayride' to inspect a large group of imported and New Zealand bred purebreds. Grateful thanks are recorded to both the Owners and Staff of these properties for the trouble they went to receive such a large group of visitors.

At noon buses departed for Shirley Motor Lodge, where an excellent and quickly served lunch was provided, enabling the majority of people to be on their way to Lancaster Park for the British Lions versus Canterbury rugby match by 1 pm. Those who did not wish to attend the rugby had the alternative of sightseeing around Christchurch or a free afternoon.

At 6.30 p.m. members and friends assembled at the Avon Motor Lodge for the Annual Cocktail Party and Dinner, which was attended by some 250 people. Great credit must be given to the staff of the Avon Motor Lodge who provided superb food in great variety magnificently served. A musical duo provided dance music and vocal items throughout the evening.

At the time of registration of attendance Members were given the opportunity of picking the 'score' in the Lions/Canterbury rugby match. During the evening the winner, Mr Ross Seymour of Masterton was announced and presented with a prize. Although he did not pick the exact score he was closest by a small margin.

Most people stayed on for the Annual Meeting of Members and the Special General Meeting on Sunday and the National Sale on Monday 27th. Again the weather was kind and a large crowd attended the Sale, which has already been reported to Members. In reflection the Meeting was, if not the best, certainly the largest we have had with Members and friends from all over New Zealand. It was our pleasure also to welcome a number of Australian visitors. The success of such a venture is I am sure in the planning and full marks must go to the Committee of the Canterbury/Westland Club and the Staff of the Society Office for the preparation and work they put into it. If there were any 'hitches' we didn't hear of them.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES: 1977/78

At the first Council Meeting held on the afternoon following the Annual General Meeting the following Officers and Committees were elected.

President:	R. H. Kerr of Timaru.
Vice President:	A. R. Marshall of Marton.
Committees:	
Finance:	R. H. Kerr (Chairman), E. W. Turrell, A. R. Guthrey (Co-opted).
Promotion:	R. N. S. Cox (Chairman), R. G. Macdonald, H. R. Lowry, W. Gut, A. R. Marshall.
Technical:	J. R. Sutton (Chairman), A. R. Marshall, R. N. S. Cox, W. Gut.
Sales:	R. G. Macdonald (Chairman), A. R. Marshall, H. R. Lowry, E. W. Turrell, D. S. Crosson (Co-opted).



The Secretary's job neither starts nor finishes at any specific time. It can begin at daylight or before and end long after dark depending on the whim of Members or associated organisations. The telephone is a strident and demanding media unpredictable but indispensable. One could run a competition as to who will be the earliest or the latest caller — most are predictable. In almost four years, one Member has held the 'title' for the latest, or was it the earliest call?

The bedside phone clamoured for answer; the groping hand reached for the receiver to be greeted by an obviously unsleeping and familiar voice apologising for the late call. Just how late (or early) he did not realise until the taciturn Secretary acquainted him with the fact that there was a two hour adjustment on a Sydney call and his adjustment was the wrong way! The time — 3.05 a.m.

Recently the situation was reinacted and the 'titleholder' defeated. A voice steeped in heather enquired 'was the Secretary abed?' At 4.00 a.m. if he wasn't he should have been. The call, a request for assistance in organising the export of a bull to Scotland — an Angus bull at that! The job was duly done. Apparently the only person who does not sleep in New Zealand at 4.00 a.m. on Saturday morning is the Simmental Secretary — the rest are all 'abed'. The 'title' is retained by Scotland.

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Winfield, the property of Oakleigh J. Osborne, situated twenty five miles south-west of Christchurch, is composed of 440 acres of high yielding traditional Canterbury cropping country and has been farmed by the Osborne family for three generations.



Oakleigh Osborne with his daughter Sue and some of the WINFIELD Purebreds.

Noted for production of cereal and pea crops, the introduction of cattle is a comparatively new innovation by the present owner who, on his graduation from Lincoln Agricultural College in 1946, purchased thirty strawberry-roan (white Shorthorn/pollered Hereford) cross bred heifers. As a breeder of Corriedale sheep, Mr Osborne was interested in heterosis (hybrid vigour) and looked for this advantage in his crossbred heifers. Not entirely satisfied with his results he cast about for introduction of another cross and as a result of an overseas trip in the early 1970's, decided to introduce Simmental blood into his herd. At the time, the price of Purebred Simmentals was such as to be prohibitive so a grading up programme was started using A.I. over his original herd of cows as a base. The first half bred was dropped in 1973 and this year will see the first seven-eighths blood calves born. Several Purebred females have been added to the Winfield herd since 1975 and several of the progeny from these have been exported to Australia.



A group of halfbreds bred from the original Shorthorn cross herd.

Dedicated in anything he undertakes, Mr Osborne has consistently produced excellent stock and his entries in the 1976 Christchurch Sale and again this year in our National Sale, were a pleasure to see the reflect graphically his excellent stockmanship. Aply assisted by a teenage daughter, his graded herd now stands at sixty cows and fifty heifers and his objective is to bring this up to one hundred and fifty head.



Three outstanding three-quarter bred heifers at the 1977 National Sale.

A busy man on a concentrated and highly productive property, Mr Osborne still finds time to be Chairman of the Canterbury/Westland Simmental Club which through his enthusiastic organisation has done much for the breed and Members in the Canterbury area. The success of the recent Annual Meeting of Members held in Christchurch was largely due to his efforts. The Society is fortunate in having in its Membership such people.

NEWS FROM U.S.A.

Mr O. Harrod, of Texas, has reported crossing a halfbred Simmental cow with a three-quarter bull sired by Soleil. The result was triplet calves, all heifers.

These five-eighths calves, born on 27 January, are all healthy and doing well. Mr Harrod asks, 'What's the probability of triplet heifer calves?' He doesn't know but it's no doubt a figure with plenty of zeros in it, because the chance of a cow simply giving birth to triplets is only one in 700,000 or so.

AN INSPECTOR'S LOT

A dedicated man in the livestock industry, he had spent his entire working life inspecting the back legs of cows. On his retirement his employers were generous in their praise for his work. In reply to their speech of farewell he commented that in his working experience, today was the first time he had ever received a 'pat on the back'.

Annual Meeting of Members

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

On Sunday morning 26th June, Mr R. H. Kerr, Society President welcomed over eighty members assembled in the Hotel Conference Room to the more formal part of the week-end, the Annual General Meeting of Members. The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in Masterton in 1976, which had been circulated were confirmed with one alteration requested by a Member who claimed a motion passed at that Meeting was invalid because it was not passed by two thirds of the Members present. The motion in respect of approval of competitive showing was deleted from the Minutes on the vote of the assembled Members. Competitive Showing was however approved in the revision of Rules passed by Members at a Special General Meeting held later in the day.

Mr Kerr in presenting his Annual Report and Statement of Accounts drew to the attention of Members the reduction in income compared to previous years. This was due to a considerable drop in registration of half bred animals and a reduction in the number of new herds being established. In the earlier years of the Society's establishment many herds had been registered simply to register cattle and sell them on a then lucrative market. These Members had not bred further animals, nor taken part in Society affairs and were now dropping out of the system. The Society was however fortunate in having substantial financial reserves, which were reflected in the annual accounts and a solid core of members to back it, which gave security and confidence for the future.

Council Elections had again been keenly contested. Five people were nominated for two vacancies which showed a continuing and vigorous interest from the Membership.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP

At the Meeting, Members carried unanimously the Notice of Motion proposed by Mr Kerr to elect Mr R. A. Barton of Massey University as the first Honorary Life Member of the Society.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE

For the first time the Chairman of each Committee within the Council presented his report to the Meeting a precise of which is as follows:-

PROMOTION —

Mr R. N. S. Cox presented to Members a resume of the work of the Promotion Committees whose main objective for the year had been communication with Members and the establishment of district or provincial Clubs. The result had been highly rewarding and much useful information had been obtained by the Committee and Council as a result of the Club structure. In the forthcoming year, the Promotion Committee would continue working through and expanding its activities through Clubs. Promotion could be channelled in this manner in the right direction, relevant to area requirements, which had been proved by several district promotions.

SALES —

Mr R. G. Macdonald spoke on the National Sale plan and on the reasons for the present date, which admittedly was not suitable to some purchasers. There were insufficient cattle of age available for an earlier sale and it had also been necessary to hold the Sale at a date close to other Sales so that maximum benefit could be obtained from potential purchasers. The 1978 National Sale, which would be held in the North Island, would hopefully be at an earlier date which would be better for stock preparation and more suitable in timing for Australian buyers. It was hoped that bull Sales would also be held in 1978 in both Islands.

TECHNICAL —

Mr F. C. Graham reported on the Technical Committee's activities and advised that the Committee was in the process of drawing up a survey for bull analysis, which would go out to Members shortly. This survey would give some answers, but not all, to bulls showing the greatest potential and he urged as many Members as possible to complete and return the survey to the Office.

On the recording scheme under consideration, he explained the great difficulties being encountered in establishing the 'hoped for' Government scheme. Moves were, however, afoot by the Government to introduce a recording system and this would prove of great value to the Society. The Committee would continue to strive for this scheme and its implementation.

The Committee had given a great deal of time to the question of competitive showing and while it was initially hoped to back showing with performance criteria, lack of comparative information made this practically impossible. While Mr Graham was disappointed in not being able to establish showing on this basis, it was considered that to delay showing until comparative information became available would be unfairly restrictive.

In planning for the next Annual Meeting, which will be held in the North Island, Mr Kerr invited suggestions as to where this might be held. Both Northland and the Waikato were keen to host this event and after some discussion it was agreed to visit Northland in 1978. The final decision on the venue and timing for this event will be made by the Council.

In General Business which followed a number of matters of note were discussed and decisions made and those of relevance: to our Members are noted as follows:-

RECIPIENT COWS:

One Member asked for clarification to the registration of progeny from recipient cows. At present there appeared to be some confusion on the question of in whose herd such progeny should be registered particularly when a recipient was sold to another breeder. The Secretary advised that he was aware of this matter and that the whole system would be considered by Council for inclusion in the revised Regulations to be printed into the new Rule Book.

REGISTRATIONS:

It was resolved that all animals born within a calendar year must be registered by the 30th June the following year. Registration may of course be made at any time prior to the closing date.

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:

Two areas formally requested circulation of the Minutes of all Council Meetings so that they might be fully informed of the workings of Council at all times. In answer to this request Mr Kerr advised that the matter had been discussed at Council level in some depth and it was considered the circulation of Minutes could be misleading. Records of decisions made by Council were often brief and did not reflect the considerable informal discussion that frequently took place in reaching the decision. He agreed that there had in the past been some communication gap but this would be overcome by the Club concept and the production of our new magazine, which would include reports from Council Committees and full Council Meetings. Several Members spoke in agreement with Mr Kerr and the request for circulation of Council Meeting Minutes was withdrawn in the light of more information being made available through the Magazine.

THE STATUS OF SEVEN-EIGHTHS HEIFERS:

Under the old Regulations the status of a seven-eighth or third cross heifer was that it be registered in the Purebred Register. This matter had been discussed at great length by the Council, who were unable to agree totally on what its designation should be.

Regardless of how the animal is documented it is still a third cross and does not rank equal to a purebred. The Meeting discussed the matter in some detail and it was finally moved and passed that both male and female on the graded-up register achieve purebred status when they are recorded as having fifteen-sixteenths Simmental blood. As a result of this motion seven-eighth heifers will be recorded in the graded-up register and will be documented on the yellow registration cards originally printed for the purpose. It was not considered that this change would make any difference to the value of the animals. Registration fees would remain the same, \$10.

INSPECTIONS OF CATTLE:

One Member spoke strongly in favour of the establishment of an inspection panel for the screening of cattle bred by Members. He felt that if the standards were to be improved and maintained this must be done. Inspectors should look for genetic and physical soundness at all levels.

Mr Kerr advised that the Council would consider this matter and also that of inspection of animals for ovum transplant.

TRANSFERS WITHIN FAMILIES AND TRUSTS:

The Council was asked to look at the question of fees for transfer between families or within Trusts. At present this was not clear and it was felt that some provision should be made to reduce or withdraw fees where cattle were made over to members of breeders family.

THE PROMOTION OF THE DUAL PURPOSE ASPECT OF SIMMENTALS:

It was suggested that the Society was perhaps not making enough of the dual beef/milk quality of its breed, which gave it advantages over other breeds. The Promotion Committee was asked to consider this matter.

The Meeting concluded at 1.40 p.m.

Extract from Mr Cox's Report to the Annual Meeting.

Space unfortunately is insufficient to reproduce Mr Cox's report in full and main points have been included in other sections of this issue. It was however considered pertinent to print the summing-up at the conclusion of his address:-

"In summing up activities for the year, we have formed ten Clubs all over New Zealand which in turn have all been very active in promoting the breed to the rest of the country. In this respect we now find we have been accepted by the butcher trade thus obtaining a premium for our fat stock and the response from the commercial farmer at weaner sales has been quite outstanding. When breeders find that they are averaging \$10 – \$15 more than other breeds at weaner sales, and fatteners are averaging \$30 – \$40 a head more at a younger age finished and the butchers are obtaining up to 10 per cent more yield, then surely we are gaining ground. We have found that lack of numbers is our biggest draw back. We know that this is now our next big project to get more bulls out to work. We also know every Member is going to do their utmost to produce high performing quality bulls. It only needs one bull from each member to make 50,000 commercial stock throughout New Zealand.

"I must now thank my Committee for the work they have put in. Our greatest thanks must go to our Members that have done so much work for the Society in setting up Clubs, running field days, manning displays at shows and organising cattle sales, all of which involves a great deal of time.

"We have learnt a lot and we have a lot to learn in all aspects of promotion but we feel we must walk before we run, keep our feet on the ground and work hard, every one of us. TALKING DOES NOT PROMOTE A BREED, HONEST RESULTS DO."

R. N. S. Cox

CHAIRMAN PROMOTION
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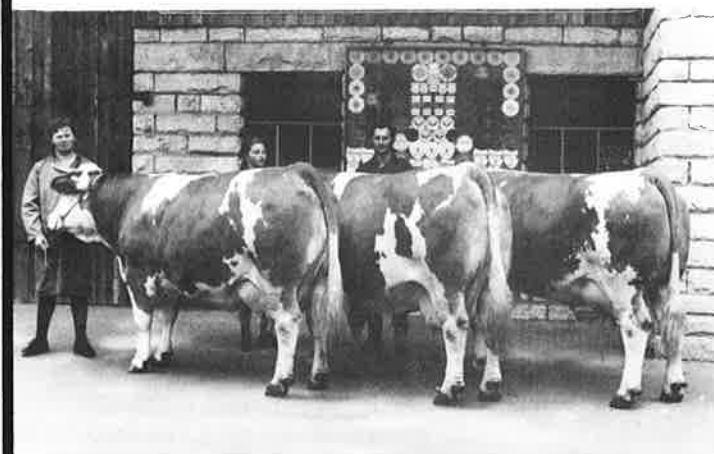
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EXPERIENCES WITH MILKING SIMMENTAL-CROSS COWS

By W. Gut, 29 R.D., Kaponga, Taranaki.

Since my address at the annual meeting in Masterton, on milking Simmentals, I have received many phone calls and letters with questions on what bulls we use, and about the performance of our Simmental cross cows.

Right from the outset of our breeding programme, I knew, that I could only afford to milk Simmental cows, if they conformed to our normal farming practices, they had to calve at two years, and produce as well as our A.B. bred Friesian cows. The milk cheque, and the sale of cull cows, beef weaners and surplus breeding stock, are our only income.

I had milked Simmental cows thirty years ago in Switzerland, and am quite convinced, that they can pull their weight, under New Zealand conditions. The only worry is, that after using A.B. merit Friesian Sires for many years, the same quality Simmental Sires are not available to us. They exist of course in Germany, Austria and Switzerland. We have learned from the Dairy Board, Sire proving scheme, that in spite of careful selection a great many bulls, with very good pedigrees, are failures, when they are evaluated on their daughters performance.

We have not completed the third season of milking Simmentals. This year we had, after culling and loosing a few cows of both breeds, 102 cows which completed the season under monthly herd test. Of those 51 were Simmental half and threequarter bred (3).

Our farm is not the best dairy country. We are not very heavily stocked because we have a shorter growing season, perhaps one month less than the average Taranaki dairyfarm.

My property is 1600 feet above sea level under Mt. Egmont. Hay and grassilage help us over the winter months. We never feed meal.

All cows are milked to the end of the season regardless of how much milk they produce. Over the last two seasons all heifers entering the herd were Simmental cross. The culling rate for fertility and production is approximately the same for the Simmental cross as it was in the past years for the Friesians.

The last three seasons were very similar in our high rainfall area, climatically. As the Simmental cross cows are still not mature, it is impossible to compare them meaningfully with the mature Friesians, already culled over more years. The average production per cow has changed very little.

Season	Total cows	No.Simmental- cross	Av.Production
1974/75	88	10	151 kg (332 lbs)
1975/76	99	31	146 kg (321 lbs)
1976/77	102	51	149 kg (327 lbs)

We have found that Simmental-cross cows are later maturing, and that we have to be careful, not to cull too hard for production in the first two lactations, a good example is our top half bred cow DC5 VICKY No. 32.

1974/75 222 lbs butterfat Prod. index 81

1975/76 312 lbs butterfat Prod. index 116

1976/77 506 lbs butterfat Prod. index 144

We could have easily culled her, on her first years production.



Mr Werner Gut

Up to now we have not milked any mature Simmental-crosses, and we expect the average butterfat, given normal seasons, to increase from now on. We have also learned much about what bulls to use. Every bull leaves some good daughters. We had for instance, seven daughters from one bull, one was culled for fertility, three for very poor production, the remaining three are very good cows, obviously we can not afford to use him again. We used two bulls that gave even poorer results. For the coming season we have still two year heifers from bulls, we know very little about.

If there is a good response to the Sire questionnaire sent to all members of the Society, and if the herdstesting Simmental Dairyfarmers have put the dairy Board code numbers of the Simmental Sires of their cows, on the test sheets, we should be able, by mid-September to put some of our bulls, in a ranking order on their Dairy merit. This will be a much needed boost to the Dairy Farming Simmental Breeder.

The whole idea behind breeding a Simmental Dairy herd is of course, that every surplus calf will be a first class beef calf, so we must never forget the beef conformation. I believe that the future of our breed lies in its dual purpose quality, unequalled by any other breed. To fellow Simmental Dairy Farmers I would again like to say, don't cull too hard in the first two lactations, as long as the animal milks for the whole season, you should have a cow, that can give you many years of good production, and every year a valuable calf. In most cases, even if a heifer does not produce much in the flush, she will still be going quite well late in the season.

Two years ago we had a late calving heifer DD13 by MMB Casar (who was culled by MMB because of his poor calving record), we put her to rearing three calves, and left her empty. We left one bull calf on her during winter, which we sold in September to the meat works for \$100, we then milked her for the whole of the next season and she produced 312 lbs of butterfat. Her dam an A.B. bred Friesian-Jersey cross cow, has been culled for poor production. DD13 is due to calve early this August.

We have found our Simmentals to be easier to winter, probably with more meat on their bones, and a thicker hide, they can stand the cold better. They are better foragers than any cattle that we have ever had.

For the future, we hope one day to win a carcass competition with a run of steers, whose dams and full sisters are all producing over 400 lbs of butterfat per year. That would be a very good advertisement for a great breed.

The Council & Committees

THE COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES

A two day Meeting of Council was held early in August. The first day was taken up with Committee Meetings with full Council assembling the following day. As the first full working Meeting of the Simmental year the Council dealt with a full agenda and the following matters of relevance were considered:

FINANCE:

The Finance Committee considers at each of its Meetings the balance of the Society accounts for the preceeding quarter and recommends to the Council expenditure or controls for the next quarter. The June accounts reflected a similar situation to those of the 31st of March where the income of the Society was down on previous years but the overall situation was still sound. Registration of animals would virtually equal those of last year with the exception of half-breeds, which showed an expected decline. Loss of revenue in this sector would be offset by increase of exports of recipients to Australia and some increase in purebred registrations.

The Committee considered carefully administration expenditure in the light of increasing costs. Such controls as could be exercised were being enforced, but it was not expected that expenditure could be reduced below the present level. As with any business or organisation some Members' accounts show outstandings, which give concern. The Committee has given close attention to the reduction of these outstandings and the situation will be reviewed on a regular basis.

In allocation of funds for Promotional Plans the Committee has sanctioned expenditure of \$10,000 for the 1977/78 year. This figure is similar to last years budget and plans are outlined in the report of the Promotion Committees Meeting.

PROMOTION:

The Promotion Committee in its plans for the 1977/78 year aims to project the breed to the commercial breeder through selected bull sales and participation in Meat Competitions. Every effort should be made to bring the Simmental before the cattle industry as an accepted breed in its own right. Endeavours will also be made to provide the dairy side of the breed with access to better milk oriented sires through semen distributors and overseas breed organisations. Dairy farmers will be urged to milk test so that more information is available within this sector of the breed in New Zealand.

The Club concept of Membership will continue to be encouraged and funds will be allocated for projects within areas and on a National scale as warranted. The 'New Zealand Simmental' our new magazine will be further expanded in content as will the circulation.

The Committee considered production of a full colour New Zealand brochure on the breed, but after considerable discussion the Council felt that the expenditure of \$1300 was not really warranted and the provision of additional copies of the magazine (at less cost) would fill the need for a handout at Shows and similar gatherings. Windscreen decals and stickers would continue to be produced.

The Committee recommended and the Council approved production of a Society tie, which will be manufactured in two styles, a wool/terylene tie in two colours (dark green and brown) for casual wear and a dress tie in navy blue. Production of these will go ahead now but as the material is manufactured in England it will be some months before stocks arrive. Advertising, which has been featured in the New Zealand Farmer for some months will continue until the end of October with emphasis on a Simmental Bull in the commercial herd.

The Committee approved an exhibition of cattle at the Royal Show in Christchurch, which will feature selected steers and a meat display as well as other animals. A small Committee has been set up to promote the entry of suitable cattle in this our first major competitive showing venture. Mr R. W. Vincent, President of the Australian Simmental Association who judged at the Royal Sydney Show this year has been invited and has accepted the position of Simmental judge at the New Zealand Royal. The Committee has put forward with approval a \$50 prize for the top Simmental entered in Provincial Meat Competitions in each Club area. It is hoped that as many individuals as possible will take part in these competitions. The Society owns a set of portable display pens in each Island. Transportation of these pens between Club areas is proving a most costly business and the Committee is considering provision of additional sets, which will be discussed with individual Clubs.

Clubs will be written to in the near future setting out more detailed information on proposals and suggestions for Promotion within their areas.

TECHNICAL:

The Technical Committee dealt with a number of matters. The recent survey on bulls, which had been sent out to Members had not brought the response hoped for and at the time of the Meeting only thirty odd replies had been received. The numbers are insufficient to produce a balanced answer and this project has been held over until the next Meeting of the Committee when it is hoped more surveys are to hand. In the interim the Committee will seek what information is available from overseas sources.

The Committee also deliberated on the progress of the National Beef Improvement Committee in setting up a National Recording Scheme, which is still unresolved. The concern of the Committee was expressed in a directive to the Secretary to write to the administration of this body requesting urgent information on the progress being made. (A report on progress over a considerable period was written up in the last magazine).

It was recommended to Council and approved that all donor animals to be operated on for ovum transplant be inspected before operation. The Council has been concerned for some time that some animals being transplanted may not be up to standard. As a result of this recommendation inspection of all transplant donor animals will be made this Spring. The Australian Association will conduct similar inspections.

SALES:

A review of the 1977 National Sale was considered. This event which has already been reported to Members was set up under stringent quarantine requirements, which proved costly and demanding. All animals entered in this Sale had to be pre-export tested and held in isolation from the time of departure from the vendors property until sold, or if for export, time of departure. This requirement involved not only the Simmental Society but two other breeds who held Sales the same week. The Committee will press for less restrictive conditions next year and will endeavour to have an area designated as an isolation area in which export cattle can be collectively tested after the Sale and prior to export. In future all bulls presented for sale must have been 'ringed'. There were one or two instances where difficulty was encountered in controlling animals which were un-ringed.

On a review of inspections of cattle for sale it was expressed that inspections should be made by two breed orientated inspectors in future. This year one breed inspector was assisted by a veterinarian, which it was felt put undue responsibility on the breed Inspector.

The Committee recommended and it was approved that the 1978 National Sale be held in Palmerston North and would cater for led and unled animals. A provisional date was set for the 19th of April. On the question of other Sales these would be organised and held in districts where warranted and would be organised in conjunction with Clubs to meet the needs of breeders in the area.

COUNCIL:

The Council reviewed and adopted the minutes of each Committee Meeting as outlined in the Committee Reports.

In General business the following matters were presented and actioned:

- **Revision of Rules and Regulations:** Rules as ratified by the Special General Meeting of Members were finalised and Regulations updated to compliment the Rules were adopted. Corrected script will be delivered to the printers for completion in the near future.
- **Registrations:** As decided at the Annual Meeting the final date for registrations will be the 30th of June each year. The Council approved a penalty of double fee for registration applications received after that date. Such penalty will be applied to late registrations for the 1977 year received after the 30th June 1978.
- **Registration of Progeny from Recipient Cows:** As a result of a question at the Annual Meeting in future where a recipient cow is calved in New Zealand the Owner, if not the Owner of the donor cow, may with the permission of the donor cow owner, register the progeny in his own herd.
- **Export Cattle, Tattoos:** The inspection of export cattle for correctness of tattooing will be continued. Members are asked to ensure they inspect all animals before dispatch. If any error is found they must immediately inform the office so that the error can be noted on the export documents.
- **Appointment of Auditor:** At the Annual General Meeting the official appointment of our Auditor was overlooked. The Council has provisionally appointed Mr J. G. Strack, who has carried out this work in the past. The appointment will be ratified at the 1978 Annual General Meeting.
- **Inspection of Cattle in New Zealand Herds:** At the Annual General Meeting it was suggested by one Member that the Society look closely at inspection of cattle eligible for the Purebred Register. The Council considered this proposal carefully and at length. The large cross section of bases from which graded cattle have been bred makes it extremely difficult to establish a basic standard of type which varies from area to area. Likewise to establish a panel of Inspectors who would administer the same standard of inspection is in itself very difficult to organise. To appoint one Inspector to cover the whole of the country would be very costly both in time and travel and the number of people who would be available to complete such a task would be limited. Under the Rules of the Society there is provision for random inspection of herds and the Council considered that in view of the problems outlined, to progress such inspections would not be practically or economically viable at the present time.
- **New Zealand Royal Show Trophy:** The Council has approved the purchase of a 'Grand Champion' trophy for the Royal Show. This trophy will never be won outright and will be competed for each year.
- **Frozen Ovum:** It is likely that frozen fertilized ovum will be used in import and export of selected breeding stock. Exportation of frozen ovum will be documented in a similar manner to that currently used for recipient cows. A fee of \$15 per unit was approved.
- **Transfers within a Family or Trust:** On the recommendation of a Member at the Annual General Meeting the Council considered the question of fees for such transfers. It was resolved that application could be made to the Council for remission of transfer fees where transfers were made between a family or trust.
- **Honorary Life Membership:** It was suggested at the Annual General Meeting that a 'Life Membership' badge be considered by the Council for those people appointed an Honorary Life Member of the Society. It was considered that due to the very limited number of such appointments it would be impracticable to produce a suitable badge.
- **Annual Meeting 1978:** The Council approved the venue for next Annual General Meeting as being Waitangi (Near Pahia in Northland). Dates provisionally set are for 27th – 30th June, 1978.

SALES

The National Sale 1977 has been fully reported elsewhere and previously. The 1978 National fixture will be held in Palmerston North and bookings have been made for the 19th April. This Sale will probably allow for unled as well as led cattle. Entries will be called for later in the year.

Since the National Sale in June, a short notice unled Sale has been held in Cambridge. Held at the Cambridge Saleyards on the 1st August, a total of 47 lots were offered. Two Purebred females were put forward but failed to meet the reserve. Four Purebred bulls by Scottish Patron sold for an average of \$781, a considerable drop in the money offered for the same animals at a Sale held in March this year. It is pleasing to see these animals go into local herds. A few recipients also sold to local purchasers. Four seven-eighths bred heifers were offered, two of which (top heifers) sold at \$1,000 each.

The remainder of the Catalogue was offered in groups and three-quarter bred heifers sold at prices ranging from \$75 to \$360, a reflection of a wide range of quality. One three-quarter bred heifer with seven-eighths bred calf at foot made \$675. Halfbreds realised prices little above store price. A few better quality animals immediately reflected good presentation in prices ranging from \$130 to \$145. It was of interest that there were a number of enquiries for Purebred bulls after the Sale, a trend we hope will be continued.

At a recent weekly sale at Matamata three second calver half-bred cows were put up for sale by a local Member and topped the female section of the market at \$168. Quality animals, well presented, they drew very favourable comments from the public and Auctioneers.

A Northland Member also had success when he sold six month old $\frac{3}{4}$ bred bulls at Kaikohe for \$91. The same person who bought his $\frac{1}{2}$ bred bull calves three years ago sold them in the same market as steers at top market price of \$190.

As this Magazine goes to print, final arrangements are being made for a private Sale being held in Kaiapoi, North Canterbury, on the 28th September. This is advertised elsewhere in this issue.

STEER SALES/WEANER SALES:

In the next season, if you sell weaners or store steers, try and establish to whom they are sold. Logically they will eventually come forward to the fat pens in your local market or maybe as entries in a local meat competition. Such information is most valuable for promotional purposes.

COMING EVENTS

AGRICULTURAL & PASTORAL SHOWS:

The Show season will be upon us shortly. If you wish to enter animals competitively in local Shows, you must apply for classes. Consult your local Club Committee so that your efforts can be co-ordinated with others who are interested. **MOST IMPORTANT** — put forward only those animals that do you and the breed credit.

THE 1978 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

We have just got over one but are planning another. Next year in the sunny North. The date 27th to 30th June. The venue Waitangi in the Bay of Islands.

SECOND WORLD SIMMENTAL CONGRESS.

The World Congress will be held in Canada in July 1978 at Calgary co-inciding with the Internationally renowned Calgary Stampede. Held last year in Pretoria, South Africa, the Meeting drew people from almost every country where Simmentals are bred and from eye witness reports it was a tremendous event, instructive and greatly enjoyed by those who attended. The possibility of a group tour to this Meeting is being investigated and further details will be published in our next issue.

THE ROYAL SHOW:

This year Christchurch will be the venue for the New Zealand Royal. Already plans are under way for a display and competitive classes. Mr R. W. Vincent, President of the Simmental Association in Australia has accepted an invitation from the New Zealand Council to judge Simmental classes at this Show. He was Simmental Judge at this years Sydney Royal Show in April and more lately at Brisbane. He will be accompanied on his visit to New Zealand by the Secretary Manager of the Australian Association Mr I. L. Bonifant, an ex-patriot who will be known to many people through his association with Dalgetys in many part of New Zealand.

The Royal Show will be held over the 8th — 11th November. Entries close on the 2nd of October.



Mr I. L. Bonifant



Mr R. W. Vincent

CLUBS

Since our last issue, most Clubs have had little organised activity; the winter is not conducive to field days and most allied interests go into recess.

Your Promotion Committee, however, has not been idle as you will see from the Committee Reports. Mr Cox, the Committee Chairman, has asked that Club Committees plan their projects for the forthcoming season with care and advise him through the Office what you have in mind and an approximation of what financial assistance you will require so that the best use possible can be made of the funds available. As in the past year, it is hoped that Members of the Council or Committee will be able to visit Club areas at a time when area Members are gathered together. If you are planning activities please let us know likely dates well in advance so we can plan to help you or visit your area as the case may be.

It may be helpful to Members in Club areas who have not had involvement with their Clubs to know who their Committee Members are. If you have any ideas for Club projects get in contact with them. They are keen to foster the Club spirit and a Club is only as strong as its Membership.

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- Note: At the time of printing it was not possible to obtain an up to date list of the Wairarapa Club Committee. This will be included in the next issue.

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MEAT COMPETITIONS:

These will be coming up in the early autumn. Start to think about them now. If you have a few steers look them over and select something for preparation for your local competition.

The Promotion Committee has granted a \$50.00 prize for each Club area for the best Simmental entered in a meat competition during the season and we hope to see as many entries as possible.

REGISTRATIONS

All animals born between 1st January and 31st December 1977, must be registered by the 30th June 1978. Make sure you carefully keep your records in a safe place. Registration applications will, of course, be accepted at any time during the year or prior to the 30th June.

LATE FEES

Animals that are not registered by due date will in future involve a double fee. Likewise transfers not completed within three months from date of sale will be subject to double fee.

CALVES FROM OVUM TRANSPLANT

When registering ovum transplant calves, it would be most helpful if you would note alongside each entry the number of the recipient cow from which the calf was delivered. This helps the Office easily sought out the relevant transplant documents.

Remember also that you must provide us with a Blood Type Certificate and Parentage Verification at the time of registration.

TATTOOING

The last issue of the Magazine carried some strong messages on tattooing and the necessity for care in completing the task.

Inspection of sale and export cattle over the last month or two has again highlighted the problem. Odd animals have appeared with tattooing errors that are obviously the result of careless application.

As an example, an seven-eighths bred heifer, BG42, was tattooed 24GB. If a test punch had been done on a piece of card, the error would have immediately been seen.

Please take care when loading your tattoo pliers and ALWAYS TEST PUNCH THE TATTOO.

The year letter for calves born in 1977 is 'H', therefore, your tattoos for this year should be as follows:

	Herd		Herd
Half bred =	DH**	Three-quarter bred =	CH**
	Herd		Herd
Seven-eighths bred =	BH**	Purebred =	AH**

If your calf is from an ovum transplant, add the letter 'E' after the animal number in the bottom line.

YOUR OWN HERD SIRE, NATURAL MATINGS

In the recent revision of the Society Regulations, it was found that a misinterpretation had been made in respect of the use of privately owned herd Sires.

The Regulation as it was drafted, restricted the use of the bull to the owner's herd or where the animal was jointly owned, the herds of the joint owners. This interpretation is in fact incorrect. A Purebred bull that is registered with the Society may be used in another Member's herd for natural mating if desired. This means that if a breeder has his own bull another Member may arrange to use it for service of his cows. Such an arrangement can be useful where a breeder has difficulty in getting a cow to hold to A.I.

It should be stressed, however, that this provision is for natural mating only. If a breeder with his own bull wishes to sell semen for A.I. use he must register the animal on the Society's Sire List at the set fee of \$50.00. Where a bull is lent or hired for natural service, the owner of the cows must obtain a declaration of service from the bull owner. This declaration must accompany the Application for Registration of the resulting progeny.

BE SURE YOU HAVE RECEIVED THE SEMEN ORDERED.

A rather sad note from a breeder prompts this paragraph. In last seasons A.I. programme he used what he believed to be a Simmental Sire. When making application for registration of his calves he found that the bull used was not on the Sire List. The office questioned the application and in an endeavour to resolve the situation found that the bull was in fact a Maine Anjou. Our sympathy goes to this Breeder. Some overseas bull breeders run several breeds and use the same prefix or herd name for them all which increases the risk of confusion when it gets down to the semen distributor, apparently what happened in this instance. Before you start your A.I. programme check that you or your technician have actually got the semen you ordered.

THE SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING FOR REVISION OF RULES

A Special General Meeting of Members was held as an extension of the Annual General Meeting of the 26th June to consider the revision of the Society Rule Book, which had become considerable outdated. The new Rules were adopted with modifications complementary to the requirements of the Society at the present time. The Regulation section of the Rule Book is also being revised and it is hoped that the total draft will be ready for printing within a few weeks. Copies will be sent to all Members as soon as available.

ADVERTISING:

Members who have contributed to advertising on our 'mini page' are thanked for their support as of course are the Commercial organisations who continue to patronise our pages. As a matter of interest we have costed out full colour production for anyone who might be tempted (probably the downfall of any such temptation when you see the price!)

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Our next issue will go to print early in December and copy will be required in the last week of November.

SONGS OF PRAISE:

The following appeared on the editorial page of the latest Australian Association magazine.

WELL DONE, KIWIS: The association office received last month the first issue of the "New Zealand Simmental", winter issue 1977, designated No. 1. The Editor, unnamed (commendable restraint, that), wrote on page 3: "As with the farmer awaiting the first calving of his heifer, so with the Editor awaiting the first edition of his publication, anxiety prevails." Relax, Mr Editor. Your calf's on the ground, healthy, and drinking copiously of that marvellous Simmental milk. Not, however, that there's a lot of advertising milk in this first issue. Advertising is the lifeblood of any publication and anyone who wants to push his stock in the Dominion should write for the New Zealand Journal's advertising rates. A line to Ian Johnstone at PO Box 25100, Christchurch, should suffice. The new journal is printed on glossy paper and pictures show up well. They got themselves sorted out well before going into print and, while there will doubtless be format changes in the next year, the journal's a good one.

Our Trans-Tasman associates are thanked sincerely for their warm words of praise. The Editor has just realised that unlike a heifer he is expected to reproduce at least four times a year!



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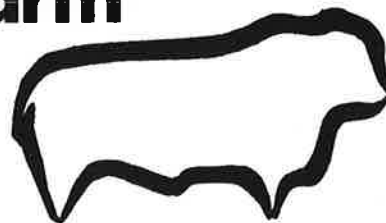
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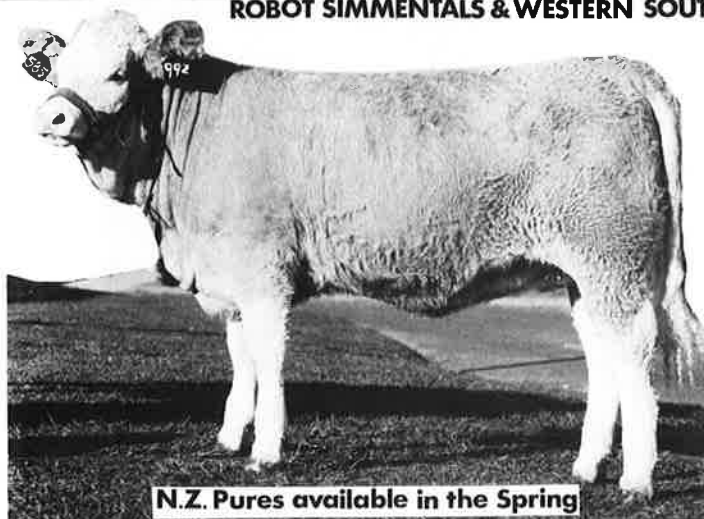
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1 a/c Kaiapoi Cattle Co.

NON-EXPORTABLE FEMALES

(18 - 24 months)

1 x C/Rhuma a/c Kaiapoi Cattle Co.
2 x Hamlet a/c J.C. Best & Son
3 x Crosslanes Caesar
a/c Dodd & Best Partnership
1 x MMB Paul
a/c Dodd & Best Partnership
1 x Doktor a/c Blythe Cattle Co.
1 x C/Rhuma a/c Blythe Cattle Co.

Note None of the above heifers have been mated or transplanted.

EXPORTABLE HEIFERS (12 - 18 months)

1 x Hamlet a/c N.Z. Assoc. Breeders
1 x Abricot a/c Kaiapoi Cattle Co.
3 x Hamlet a/c Blythe Cattle Co.

Note All are natural born calves and are unmated

NON-EXPORTABLE COW

1 x S/Herod in calf to Ulan
due to calve November
a/c Manalewka Simmental

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