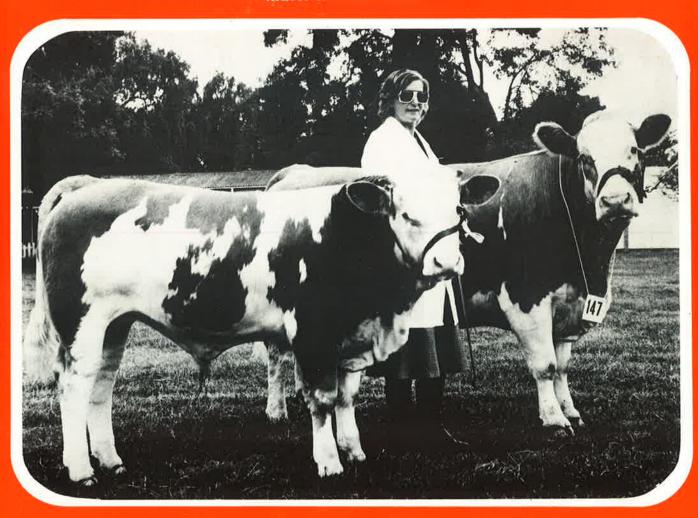
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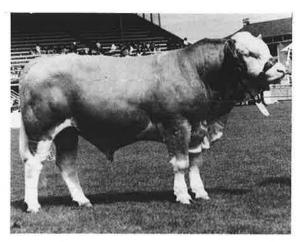


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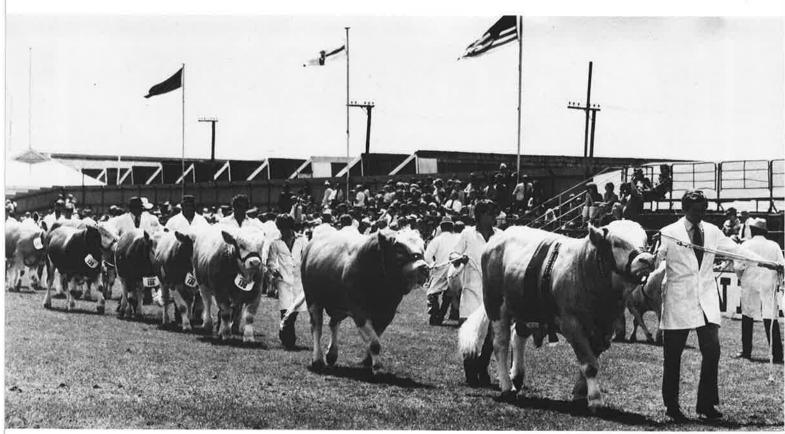


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The 50th Anniversary Royal Show Meat and Wool Cup (Hamilton N.Z. 1980) Winning entry 'Irish Empress' and her bull calf. 'Empress' was bred by Mr R. A. McBride of Northern Ireland. With the pair is Mrs H.R. Lowry wife of the owner from 'Pukekohu' Havelock North, Hawkes Bay.

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EDITORIAL

In previous issues we have on several occasions looked at ourselves in a self analysis situation to try and establish what we are doing and where we are going. This we must continue to do if we are to remain objective and progressive. Time produces changes, new thinking and new

ideas that keep any organization alive.

Without looking too closely into the crystal ball it is not hard to see there will be changes in the pattern of our establishment over the next few years. The formation of our membership and our breed is now well established and the situation is approaching, where our purebred herds will become predominant. Grading-up has already progressed to purebred status and over the next few years there will be an increasing number of purebred cattle entering the system from this base. As this happens there will obviously be some reduction in the number of graded-up cattle produced, but breeders should not discount the worth of these cattle which will continue to produce new bloodlines with the hybrid vigour produced by cross-breeding.

When however your herd reaches the stage of purebred predominance don't relax your standards. For you to continue to market successfully careful selection and diligent culling is imperative. A purebred is not a marketing proposition just because it is a purebred. It must have the attributes of a top animal for the job for which it is destined, be it stud or commercial. Keep those standards high and you and our breed will

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From the President



R. N. S. Cox

I have appeared in our magazine a few times in the form of a photo but this is the first time in the written form.

I am taking this opportunity to just mention a few matters that I think all members should know.

Firstly is the matter of the computer input sheets and registrations. The returning of these forms was very slow which meant we were not getting the registrations in, this was causing all sorts of financial problems. We sent out a circular requesting action. The reaction from members was tremendous and we do thank you for this cooperation we received. Some members were actually sending us money before they registered because of their concern for our welfare. This sort of attitude and loyalty to the Society is our strength.

I am pleased to inform you that our financial situation is very healthy and well up with last years income. The six monthly valuation on our investments has just been completed and we are showing a substantial capital gain since March 31st 1980. The end of March figure was \$87,000 and the value today is approximately \$116,000. The Finance Committee will be looking at this capital gain in December. We must not become traders but a capital gain of this magnitude must be looked at. The very good reserve is making our financial life comfortable and something we should be proud of when we know other Breed Societies are struggling.

The Computer is still causing us huge problems and the future does not look bright. We are very aware of problems we are causing members and also our staff. From the Council point of view it has been the most frustrating project in the ten years the Society has been running. Please be patient and we will come right. At the moment it has not cost us anything. Jim Sutton the Chairman of the Technical Committee has done an enormous amount of work on this subject and all credit must go to him for keeping cool and calm under very frustrating circumstances. The Council meets on the 12th December when we will consider alternative propositions put forward by the Computer Centre to try and overcome the present problems. If these are not viable we will look at alternatives which may necessitate a return to the manual system in the interim.

The other thing that has impressed me this year is the growing strength we have seen in the showing field. The presentation of Simmentals throughout New Zealand at

all the major shows has shown breeders of all stock that we are here to stay. The few members that have shown must be congratulated by us all because they are spending huge amounts of money and time to promote the breed and also themselves.

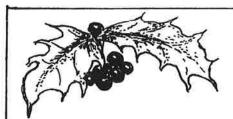
The attitude of co-operation amongst the exhibitors and the one aim they have in placing Simmentals at the top is something you will not see in other breeds. Really, it doesn't matter who wins in the Simmental classes but the main object is to be better than the opposition. It takes some breeds decades of breeding to win the Meat and Wool Cup, we have taken only four years. Showing I feel, in this Society should be a tool for promotion of the breed and not a tool to bring out the worst human failing of personal 'one up manship'.

Production classes have started, being at the Waikato Royal this year. I hope more work will be done to impliment classes in all districts and supported by the Royal Agricultural Society. Once again congratulations to all exhibitors. We hope that more people will exhibit in the future and even if you don't get a prize you have done your bit to help the breed. There is nothing more impressive than a line up of thirty or forty Simmentals in a grand parade.

The last but not least thing I would like to say is don't forget Sandra McLean our Junior Membership Secretary. She has I think set a target of beating the active membership for numbers so please make sure your children support her. A great hard working Simmentaler.

I would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a successful 1981.

RODNEY COX (PRESIDENT)



Christmas Greetings

To our members, wives and families and all those other people with whom we have association during the year, may we take this opportunity of saying thank you for your co-operation and help, in what in many ways has been a complicated but successful year.

We wish you, all that is good at Christmas and a bountiful and productive 1981.

From those at the Office:

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Profile

'Avon Park' is situated approximately fourteen miles from Christchurch on the main West Coast road. It is well known to many members who were involved in ovum-transplant a few years ago as New Zealand Transplant Breeders. It was in fact the advent of ovum-transplant that brought the subject of our profile article to New Zealand. The property of the Carter family, well known in the building industry and public affairs, Avon Park was established as a transplant centre in 1974 when a specialist team under the leadership of Dr. Jim Shelton was brought to New Zealand from Australia to carry out transplant operations. With the team came a tall shy young Australian girl from Mittagong, Melinda Holborow who worked as a technician and looked after the transplant animals in the recovery unit.



Melinda awaits the judges decision.

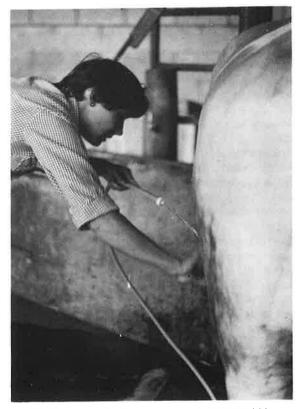
Melinda made several trips to Avon Park before the manager of the unit David Carter, who had not long graduated from Lincoln College decided it would be cheaper to marry her than employ her! Four years later Avon Park has reverted to what it was originally, a highly productive property running sheep and a Simmental Stud, supplemented by a racing stable and a diversion into berry fruits. The transplant centre has gone as have the hundreds of cattle that were assembled there each season, but Melinda has remained and during her short time in this country she has already made her mark.

It is an old adage that stockmen (or stockpersons!) are born not made — never a truer word in respect to Melinda Carter. Meet her in the city centre and you could well ask what modelling school she was working for — see her in a pair of jeans and a parka in the stables or the cattle shed and there is someone who has affinity and ability with all livestock. Her philosophy with animals is one of kindness and persuasion, metered with sound knowledge of preparation and feeding. As a child she had ponies at an early age graduating to show horses which she rode with success in Sydney and local shows.



Schooling, a three year old is taken from his stall.

Since her arrival in New Zealand she has turned her talents to preparation of Simmentals for shows and sales with similar success. The Society is fortunate to have such people who can demonstrate and lead by example. Melinda, still the tall shy Australian is reluctant to talk about her ability, but we hope that sometime in the future she will be able to demonstrate to some members just what it is that goes together to produce top class stockmanship.



The hard work, hose and brush make for clean hide.

People

New Zealand Member Visits Western Australia

(A contributed Article by Geoff Palmer of Northland)

Recently the writer spent some four weeks in Western Australia and took the opportunity to see something of the Simmental scene in that huge and prosperous state where distances are immense and water is valued above all else. Armed with several contact addresses and phone numbers supplied by our ever obliging secretary, my first action on arrival was to ring the Western Australian Secretary only to find that he was extremely busy due to Simmentals being entered for the first time in the Perth Royal Show and being judged that very morning by Dr. Larry Grimes of the Missouri Department of Agriculture. (He also judged the Charolais, Limousin and Chianina.) The Simmental entries numbered about a dozen in four classes and were not all particularly impressive. However it must be remembered that they are raised in a much harsher environment than are ours. The normal accepted seasonal weather pattern is for minimal rainfall from November to April and pastures during this period are virtually non existent and stock generally are at subsistence level on hay made in October or in the case of the more fortunate and valuable animals on supplementary meals which are relatively cheap by New Zealand standards.

In all, three studs were visited of which by far the most visually pleasing was the property owned by Ken Court, a son of Western Australian State Premier, Sir Charles Court. Situated some 45 km. from Perth in the Darling Ranges in rolling hill country and aptly named "Yarrabah" (aboriginal word for place of running water and red gum trees). This was 200 hectares of truly pleasant living carrying 100 percentage Simmentals and 20 quarter horse brood mares. The Stud Sire was a son of Scottish Big Michael of good colour and eye pigmentation but displaying the same slab sided characteristics of his sire, all ten thousand dollars worth of him. The percentage females were appreciably smaller than ours and this was borne out by the birth weights of calves which was in the region of 30 kg., calving generally in the Autumn in the latter part of the annual dry.

A near neighbour, but situated on the flat sand country which extends from the ranges to the coast, was the 480 hectare property of Alan Fletcher, the Senior Vice President of the Australian Society and President of the State Society. Alan had just returned from the World Congress in Italy and is a very enthusiastic Breeder. The property is all flat and all in good pasture carrying 800 head. The cattle generally were the best I saw, again virtually all percentage and while the practice here was A.I. the only purebred bull was another son of Scottish Big Michael! Birth weights were of the order of 35 kg. with early spring calving. Formerly this was a Hereford stud and the two studs are still run side by side. However Alan is actively pursuing a goal to establish a distinct breed of half Hereford half Simmental, currently using halfbred bulls over his half cows and intending to put quarter Simmental bulls over the threequarter heifers to get halfbred progeny, hopefully of the same type. He has no trouble annually selling 20 halfbred bulls to commercial men @ \$1500 each. His experience with halfbreds as opposed

to his former practice of straight Herefords is that he receives a 20% higher return at a cost of 5% in carrying capacity. (Hereford breeders please note.) Alan believes that in the Western Australian situation there is no place for commercial pure Simmental herds due to the necessity for cattle to carry a good reserve of fat into the summer dry to avoid supplementary feeding other than the customary hay.

My third visit was south to Pinjarra to a stud owned by John Doust, a prominent builder in Perth. Again situated on the flat sandy coastal plain the practice was A.I. with a marked preference for Scottish Herod bloodlines. A very good line of crossbred eighteen month steers was duly admired and I learned that for the local trade there was an absolute insistence on light early finishing carcases carrying what we would regard as excessive fat but reinforcing the earlier argument for crossbred cattle.

My overall impression was of a friendly and hospitable people for which the West is deservedly well known farming under greater climatic difficulty than in the norm at least in the North Island of New Zealand. The progress through the grading up system is roughly two years behind us with their first volume of seveneighth births just commencing.

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Technical

What is a Pedigree??

"A chronological documentation of many matings, and hence an historical record of many genetic combinations!"

The following article was published in 1971 and supplied by the then Secretary of the Royal Agricultural Society. It has been reprinted since but has much relevance to what we are doing and why. Some breeders might question the advantage of pedigree recording, perhaps this will give them a few answers. (Editor)

So much has been said of late about New Zealand's pedigree animals that some explanation of "pedigree" is, I feel opportune. As a result of selected breeding by the use of pedigrees New Zealand leads the world in production of milk per acre (naturally produced) and wool per sheep, and is recognised to have some of the finest beef cattle and thoroughbred horses, much sought after around the world.

Admittedly other factors have also played a big role, such as improved pasture and fertiliser, but it is the studmaster who has had to provide the nucleus breeding stock and guide our destiny.

Conditions and thinking over the past 200 years in which a pedigree system (i.e. known parentage) has evolved, has changed but the pedigree system still applies today. The only difference is that stud breeders in the main are recording other relevant information and data on the performance of animals, as is required and as modern practice dictates. However, unless animals have a known pedigree then you cannot expect them to reproduce their proven characteristics.

The heart of any breeding programme is genetics, and genetics is pedigree. A pedigree is merely the chronological documentation of many matings of bull-x's to cow-y's and thus it is the historical record of genetic combinations. Certain animals in the history of our breeds have been superior individuals, whose dams and sires were superior individuals that had the ability to transmit a high percentage of superior genes to their offspring. Thus it is no accident that certain animals stand out and are recognised as high points of our breeds. Had they not been endowed with an abundance of desirable genes, no amount of outstanding individual characteristics could make them transmit those superior qualities to their offspring

The lesson is simply this: when we take a bull and turn him out with a cow, and the resultant product of this action on our part is a calf, this calf is a product of genetics. We can feed this calf in a variety of different ways so that he will gain or not gain to varying degrees. We can change his environment a multitude of ways and he will be affected accordingly. We can clip him and groom him and show him all over the country, or we can kick him out in a back paddock somewhere and let him roll in a mud hole. But, we can do nothing to alter the fact that his sire was bull-x and his dam was cow-y, and his ability to be an important contributor to the breed was determined the day we turned out bull-x in the same pasture as cow-y.

"Mendelian law"

Since the process of inheritance is governed by "Mendelian law," in other words, one half of the inheritance of an individual is transmitted to it from its sire, and one half of it from its dam, and the distribution of the genes is strictly on a random basis, there is no possible way to determine for sure what genes an individual may possess or what genes it consequently will transmit to its offspring.

Therefore, the process of breeding any livestock is a process of gambling, and the ability of the gambler to stack the odds in his favour is what makes the difference between success and failure. It is something like the poker machines in Australia — on the average the proprietors come out ahead.

The relationship between ancestors and descendants is explained in "Galton's Law." If we look at the situation in a very general light I believe that there is some value in the following remarks.

If we assume that we know a great deal of information about the physical characteristics of both sire and dam we could predict the outcome of the offspring with 50 per cent accuracy, since the influence of each is 25 per cent. If we had similar information about all four grandparents we could reduce our odds another 25 per cent. And if we likewise had first hand information concerning all eight great grandparents, we could reduce our odds another 12.5 per cent, and we would then be gambling with 7 to 1 odds in our favour.

The more knowledge we can accumulate, the more we stack the odds in our favour. This, of course, is not an accurate, scientific application of "Galton's Law" since it does not take into consideration that "Mendelian law" says that the distribution of genes is on a chance basis, but it serves the purpose of illustrating the importance of knowing what is behind a pedigree.

Element of chance

Too many people pay considerable sums of money for a herd sire without considering the proper importance of the pedigree. Since "Mendelian Law" does say that selection of genes is on a chance basis, there is the ever present possibility that an animal with a powerful pedigree might not be the superior producer that we had anticipated.

Dr J. L. Lush, professor emertitus, Iowa State College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts, states: "The most desirable individual in a particular group may not be out of the most desirable parents. We may have to choose the second or third best individual, in order to get one whose parents are near the top.

"Even then, when the progeny come we will be forced to admit that in some cases the animal prized most highly for individuality and pedigree proved to be less desirable as a breeder than others which we rated lower in the pedigree and individual scale."

Today, there are a lot of people who are confused over what direction they should go to remain competitive in today's market. Many will shut their eyes to the laws of genetics and will fall subject to the laws of the "Joneses." In a panic to get on the "big cattle" bandwaggon many will go out and buy a big bull without any idea of what the merits of his pedigree really are.

Technical

What is a Pedigree? (continued)

In buying a herd bull or selecting ones females, we must put the odds in our favour, and this can only be done by understanding what a pedigree is and demanding genetic superiority in the animals behind it. There are big cattle that are good cattle that will have a major influence on the future of our breed. They have a reason to be good cattle because of the cattle behind them.

Then, there are big cattle, that are just big cattle, and they will have no lasting effect on the breed, at least no desirable effect, because they do not have cattle in their background that are genetically strong and free of undesirable characteristics.

"Pedigree vital"

"Pedigree is of the most vital importance. We ought always to prefer a bull of high pedigree with fair symmetry and quality to another bull, though much superior in appearance, but of questionable pedigree. If the latter be turned to a herd superior in blood to himself, incalculable mischief may be done. Breeders have not given this subject the attention it deserves. I have paid dearly for my experience in the matter..." said William M'Combie of Tillyfour, one of the world's recognised master breeders of cattle, 1805–1890.

The breeding of livestock is a matter of genetics, and pedigree is merely the documentation of actions which in themselves produce genetic combinations. When you turn bull-x in the pasture with cow-y you will produce a calf, and that calf will be a mixture of the genetic composition of its sire and its dam, and likewise you will create a new pedigree, and that pedigree can only be as good as the pedigree of the two animals that produced it. The success of that calf as a breeder can only be influenced by the genetic strength of its pedigree.

If you are considering taking up the long and frustrating career of breeding livestock, read over the words of Mr M'Combie.

Apart from the actual pedigree, breeders have recorded and documented other general information about particular animals going back many generations such as feet, nature, weight and quality of steers by particular sires. All this is used when considering the mating of bull-x to cow-y.

Sire Reference Scheme

Members are aware that we have been promoting Sire Referencing over the past two seasons and that the scheme will continue through this the 1980 mating season. We have now been able to collate calvings for the 1979 calf drop after considerable delays awaiting our computer calf entry sheets, and the total information has gone forward to Ruakura for analysis. In the first year we had eighteen herds participating, originally there were a few more but regrettably some herds were dispersed, two being Kereru and Transport Nelson Ltd. Five Reference sires were used and eleven other herd bulls. Results from Ruakura should be available in the not too distant future.

Last season we had seventeen herds involved with eight Reference Sires. Collation of calves born this spring is being done and these results will also be sent to Ruakura. Again this year we have twelve herds and five bulls. The results of these schemes take time, but Ruakura are pleased with the response they have had and consider the analysis will be viable and useful information.

Members may ask the reason for the reduction in herd participation. This was predictable, a number of our larger herds have dispersed, our total membership has settled down and there is a far greater number of purebred bulls available, which has considerably reduced the use of A.I. The majority of the 1980 scheme participants have been in from the start and a few new people have joined each year.

Those members who have supported the scheme are to be commended. Their efforts, will we are sure in the long run be of benefit to all our breeding members. We hope by the next issue, we will be able to print out for you analysed results of the 1978 matings and possibly the 1979 as well.

Waikato & Districts bull evaluation scheme

Seventeen young bulls were assembled on J. J. Butler's Cambridge property in May this year for the first bull performance scheme established for Simmentals in New Zealand. (Six seveneighths and eleven purebreds.)

On a recent visit to Cambridge these bulls were seen for the first time in several months and the progress has been phenomenal as the undernoted report illustrates. In May the group could be described as an average group of bulls of quality ranging from good to indifferent. Today even the smallest and initially an animal which might have been questionable for its inclusion has developed beyond recognition.

At the first weigh-in on the 21st May the average weight was 348.23 kgs (767 lbs) and on the 19th November the same animals averaged 578.23 kgs (1274 lbs) an average daily gain of 1.30 kgs (2.86 lbs) since the start of the test.

In the last 28 days before the November weighing the average weight gain has been 51.47 kgs (113 lbs) or an average of 1.84 kg (4.05 lbs) per day!

Anyone who has not seen this group of bulls or who is visiting the Cambridge area should make a point of calling in to have a look. Jerry Butler's property is about three miles north of Cambridge on the main Hamilton/Cambridge road. (Right hand side going North.)



A first class line up of young bulls. A dispersal sale is planned for these bulls in 1981.

This year was our fourth Royal at which we have shown competitively. The introduction of Simmentals to Showing has been sound and to date we have, in the light of the limited experience most breeders have, done exceptionally well. In 1977 we shook the traditionalists somewhat by being second in the Meat & Wool Cup with a heifer. In 1979 we took the Junior Meat & Wool Cup at Invercargill with a bull.

Our approach to this year's event was as usual stacked with enthusiasm and a first class line up of animals. Our success was phenomenal in strong competition and competitors are to be congratulated on their efforts.

To win a Meat & Wool Cup at a major Show is not easy and does not happen often. To win a Meat & Wool Cup at a Royal is for most a once in a studmasters lifetime event. To do it at a Royal with Royalty present must be the ultimate and we did it in our fourth year of Showing.

Robin Lowry from Havelock North, Councillor and Chairman of our Promotion Committee works hard at all things Simmental. With Jill, his wife, he has put great effort into promoting the Breed in his own strongly traditional area and elsewhere. A 'reluctant' exhibitor he has got behind the Show scene as a promotional exercise and had shown this year at Hastings and Gisborne before the Royal. At Hastings his outstanding cow and calf were first equal on points with a Hereford bull in the Meat & Wool Cup — reluctantly he had to relinquish the 'tie' as the Hereford had more first points and took the Cup. At Hamilton there was no mistake and the Cup was his. 'Irish Empress' imported from Ireland and by a sire called Hans is an outstanding cow at nearly six years of age. Her bull calf completed a pair of indisputable excellence.

Success can often be tinged with a disappointment and it must have been a very disappointed Lowry family who, when the Meat & Wool Cup was presented by His Royal Highness, the Duke of Kent, were at home in Hawkes Bay working on the organisation for the World Congress of Sheep & Beef Cattle for which Robin was the area co-ordinator. It is however on a happy note we record that Robin and his wife were presented to the Duke of Kent in Christchurch to receive belated Royal congratulations for their win.

The winning of the Meat & Wool Cup was the 'icing' on what proved to be a very large slice of cake for Simmentals at the Royal. In inter-breed competition five classes out of eight saw Simmentals placed first with placings in all other classes. Entries for these competitions were drawn from over 300 beef entries and classes were large. (A detailed summary follows this article.)

Simmentals also took the premier Waikato A. & P. Association award in the team event, the 'Founders Cup' which is competed for by a team of a bull and three females.

Simmental entries totalling twentyeight came from as far afield as Waipukurau and Taranaki with strong support from the local Waikato breeders. Several new exhibitors had their first taste of showing and one who had travelled from Kaponga in Taranaki, Ray Nicholas had a memorable Show. His yearling bull 'Mossy Robin' by Horst was first and Junior Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Bull. 'Mossy Robin' was sold to the well known Waikato Stud Sherwood Simmentals at the conclusion of the Show for a price that would be the best

realised for a yearling in this country. An outstanding young bull, he has gone to a top potential stud and doubtless we will see and hear more of him.

The Royal saw the presentation of a new Society Challenge Trophy, the 'Coopental Trophy' presented for the best performance recorded animal by Mr. & Mrs. N. J. Barnett of Halcombe. This award went to N. C. & K. J. Buchanan's entry 'Ashleigh Kate' who also took the Junior Champion sash with the same heifer.

The Waikato Club established a small Breed centre at the Show at which three Simmental cross dairy cows were displayed. This was manned by a number of dairy farming Club members throughout the Show.

Individual Simmental Show results were as follows:

Cow Class: 1st Irish Empress (by Hans) H. R. Lowry Havelock North; 2nd Sundowner Elise 2nd. (by Scottish Patron) N. C. & K. J. Buchanan Morrinsville; 3rd Glenturk Anna (by Scottish Neff) A. H. & G. M. Thompson Waipukurau; 4th Clavering Enid (by Tye Cloud) G. D. Locke Taupiri.

Heifer 2 Years: 1st Sherwood Jasmine (by Bavarian) Sherwood Simmentals Cambridge; 2nd Sundowner Ranches Karen (by Acajou) N. C. & K. J. Buchanan Morrinsville; 3rd Blue Ridge Carly (by Scottish Pride) A. P. Rolley Matangi.

Yearling Heifer: 1st Ashleigh Kate (by Ashleigh Henry) N. C. & K. J. Buchanan Morrinsville; 2nd Puketawa Kuini (by Scottish Extra Special) J. B. Scott Cambridge; 3rd Glen Anthony Kiri (by Scottish Gerald) A. H. & G. M. Thompson Waipukurau.

Champion Cow: Irish Empress, H. R. Lowry; Reserve: Sundowner Elise 2nd, N. C. & K. J. Buchanan.

Champion Junior Heifer: Ashleigh Kate, N. C. & K. J. Buchanan; Reserve: Puketawa Kuini, J. B. Scott.

Grand Champion Female: Irish Empress, H. R. Lowry. Senior Bull: 1st L.J.B. Jade (by Balig Agent) J. P. Absolom Hawkes Bay; 2nd South Pacific Lord (by Bavarian Knight) I. W. Smith Huntly; 3rd Glen Anthony Jupiter, A. H. & G. M. Thompson Waipukurau.

Yearling Bull: 1st Mossy Robin (by Horst) R. G. Nicholas Kaponga; 2nd Ashleigh Kim (by Sir Avon Park Extra) N. C. & K. J. Buchanan Morrinsville; 3rd Silvermoyle Kenneth, W. R. Eccles Te Aroha.

Senior Champion Bull: L.J.B. Jade, J. P. Absolom; Reserve: Mossy Robin, R. G. Nicholas.

Junior Champion Bull: Mossy Robin, R. G. Nicholas; Reserve: Ashleigh Kim, N. C. & K. J. Buchanan.

Grand Champion Bull: L.J.B. Jade, J. P. Absolom.

Supreme Champion Simmental: Irish Empress, H. R. Lowry. Society Royal Show Trophy: Irish Empress, H. R. Lowry.

Coopental Challenge Trophy (Performance Award): Ashleigh Kate, N. C. & K. J. Buchanan.

Waikato Club Trophy – Local exhibitor with most points: N. C. & K. J. Buchanan

Inter-Breed Classes

Meat & Wool Cup: Irish Empress, H. R. Lowry

Founders Cup: Simmental Team, (L.J.B. Jade, Irish Empress, Sundowner Elise 2nd, Ashleigh Kate).

Yearling Heifer: 1st Simmental, N. C. & K. J. Buchanan; 2nd Charolais; 3rd Angus; 4th Hereford.

Yearling Bull: 1st Hereford; 2nd Charolais; 3rd Simmental, R. G. Nicholas; 4th Hereford.

Cow and Calf: 1st Simmental, H. R. Lowry; 2nd Charolais; 3rd Simmental, G. D. Locke; 4th Angus.

Pair Bull/Heifer: 1st Hereford; 2nd Charolais; 3rd Simmental, N. C. & K. J. Buchanan; 4th Angus.

2 Year Heifer: 1st Simmental, A. P. Rolley; 2nd Simmental, Sherwood Simmentals; 3rd Charolais; 4th Hereford.

Champion Cow: Simmental, H. R. Lowry; Reserve: Angus. Champion Bull: Hereford; Reserve: Simmental, J. P. Absolom.

Proud owners of 'Irish Empress', Robin & Jill Lowry of Havelock North pictured with two premier trophies, The Meat & Wool Cup & The Waikato Founders Cup.

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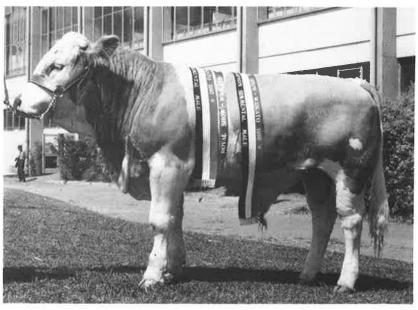
Rodney Cox (President) who presented the Society Salver for Supreme Champion Simmental.

Mrs Star Obsolom accepted the trophy on behalf of the Lowry Family.



Celebrations after judging, John Arbon, Tony Roll Rodney Cox.





Ray Nicholas of Kaponga, Taranaki who brought 'Mossy Robin' to the Royal and took Junior Champion Bull amongst other prizes. It was Rays' first attempt in the ring!



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"Empress' & her calf pose for photographs at home after the Royal.



r, Ray Nicholas, Ron Wallace-Wells and



Neil Barnett presents the 'Coopental Trophy' for the best performance recorded animal at the Royal. Noel Buchanan of Morrinsville is the proud winner.



ge Oakleigh Osborne :omething—



John Scott of Puketawa Land Company, Cambridge who took a second with his heifer.



Proud Junior, Wilma Eccles from Te Aroha who took a ribbon in her first time of showing.

Miscellaneous





MEAT & WOOL CUP WINNERS 1980 ROYAL SHOW



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Area A. & P. Shows

While we have full reports on the Royal Show, Canterbury and Hawkes Bay, three of the major A. & P. events in the country, other shows can go unrecorded. The 'grapevine' however does work and we commend those keen breeders who have the 'get up and go' to take their Simmentals to local area shows and fly the flag for the Breed. At the time of publishing we know that Simmentals have been shown competitively at Matamata (Waikato), Gisborne, Palmerston North, Wanganui, Methven, Mayfield, Ashburton, Leeston and Kirwee (all Canterbury) and will be at Timaru, Cambridge and Invercargill before the end of the year.

While we acclaim everyone's efforts we make a special mention of the Hawkes Bay team who have travelled far and wide to promote the Breed. They took cattle to Gisborne and competed with great credit in the doyen of the beef world for the first time. They also went to Hamilton and Wanganui. We are grateful for their tremendous efforts.

Sale of Bulls to Commercial Buyers

This season has seen the sale of bulls to commercial breeders in many areas and we have had enquiries from people who until recently we have never had contact with. Several of our members have had to buy in bulls from other areas to meet the demand, and the stage has been reached in some areas where there are few bulls of quality available. These sales are largely the result of good promotion on facts - top weaner sales and steer prices. Prices paid have been realistic and fully competitive with traditional breeds. If you are selling to the commercial market, keep your standards up - you would not buy an indifferent bull yourself and should not expect to sell one. When you have sold keep in contact with the purchaser, see that he is satisfied and he will more than likely buy again. Commercial breeders are potential 'simbeef' members – do not miss the opportunity of promoting this project. Keep the Office informed of your sales so we may place your purchaser on the list for our magazine, this is being well received.

Fourth World Simmental Congress — United Kingdom 1982

The fourth World Congress will be held in England in June/July 1982 and we are hopeful that we will receive enough interest to organize a tour from New Zealand. The timing is good as far as we are concerned and in the U.K. it will be summer. The visit will take in the Royal Show which in itself is a most spectacular event and there will be tours of interest in England and Scotland (and Europe for those who wish).

We ask you to give this tour consideration — it has many advantages in being held in an English speaking country. Details are being sent to this office as soon as formulated and we will be pleased to send these to interested members. If you plan now, we are sure we can get a tour together.

Miscellaneous

Transport of Studstock/ Handling

As I travel around through various areas during the year I come across instances of stock handling in transit which concern me as they must concern our breeders and other cattle breeders in general. I have learnt of several instances this season where Stud cattle have been consigned by road transport arriving in poor shape and in two instances not arriving at all at their arranged destination.

Long distance haulage is always a problem, it creates stress and the innovation of the new steel mesh decks, which I believe are made mandatory by the freezing industry are diabolical on legs and feet. Dual purpose crates (sheep and cattle) can also be bad for abrasion problems with our large cattle due to the projections from the folded-up sheep decks.

If you arrange transport make sure you take every precaution to see the animal is properly handled and arrives at its destination in as near optimum condition as possible. If your stock are being taken a long way a 'sheet' over the front of the crate will assist considerably. Make provision for or arrange to have some soft standing over the steel deck. You may have some opposition from some companies but you are paying and it is better to have an animal arriving a bit dirty than unable to walk.

I know of one stud bull that was so badly damaged in the feet and legs by long travel on a steel deck he never recovered and was eventually destroyed. Numerous others have been lame for weeks.

If you insist on service and a high standard it must surely have effect on the whole industry.

In handling, loading, drafting, etc. there is often a great deal to be desired. The advent of the alkathyne pipe seems to have created an impulse to 'belt' an animal regardless of whether it can move or not.

Electronic prodders likewise are used indiscriminately and usually have little effect other than to stir an animal up and make it even more intractable. The unnecessary abuse of your cattle can be stopped if you are vigilant. Admittedly at times some 'persuasion' is necessary but this should only be used as a last resort.

When arranging transport make sure you are well covered by insurance. Check that your transport company has insurance, they may have but it just might not cover the value of your animal. Be sure rather than sorry.

One other point that is of concern is the removal of stock after major sales. Vendors spend time and effort preparing their animals and the purchaser frequently pays good money for what he buys. Once the sale is transacted, communication all too frequently seems to break down and I have seen on a number of occasions top animals still on the tie-lines or in pens twenty four hours after the sale. In Hamilton in June a heifer sold on Tuesday, was still in her stall on Thursday morning — without water. Somehow somebody had not taken the trouble to ensure the animal was dispatched with minimum delay.

There are many diligent and responsible transport operators and drivers. By your insistance that things are done properly and efficiently there could be a lot more. It is largely a matter of communication.

Carcass Competitions

In our last issue, we noted that the New Zealand Meat Producers Board were contemplating withdrawal from sponsorship of carcass competitions. This in fact has now become absolute, but is not as bad as we first thought, as although they have withdrawn their financial contribution they will still contunue to establish the criteria on which these competitions are run and to provide Senior Meat Graders as judges and critics. We are grateful to the Producers Board for continuance of this assistance. We do, however, urge Clubs to 'stand close' to their A. & P. Associations or whoever else runs carcass competitions in their areas to ensure they continue and get the support they deserve. What better way to promote your breed than by winning a carcass competition.



Gay & Stan Timperly who won on the 'Hoof & Hooks' at the Whangarei Annual Beef Carcase Competition. The Timperlys' ran a dairy herd until a few years ago when they changed to beef— & Simmentals.

Simbeef

We continue to get members, but there must be a lot of potential 'simbeef' breeders about. If you sell a bull to a commercial breeder "sell it with simbeef". We are selling tags to a lot of people and quite a number are using 'simbeef' tags for their calves this year. Most breeders tag their cattle and a simbeef tag is just as functional as any other, with a bonus. One breeder who uses colour as a management code, asked for a variety of colours preprinted — this we arranged with additional costs to the client and were happy to arrange several hundred tags for him. Tags are available from the Society Office on request.

SELL BULLS - SELL 'SIMBEEF'

Shows

New Show Trophy For Canterbury

Simmentals competing at the Canterbury Show in November had a new trophy before them for the bull classes.

Mr R. H. Kerr, past President and Society Life Member, has generously given a silver water jug for the Champion Bull at the Canterbury Show. This will be competed for annually.

Mr Kerr was one of the original group who founded the Society in Christchurch and it is befitting that this trophy is offered in his home territory.

In its first year it has been awarded to the Levels Farming Co. Ltd., (R.N.S. Cox), for their entry 'Lochamday B.T. Jolt'.



Rodney Cox with his Champion Bull 'B.T. Jolt' holds the Harlau Trophy presented by well known Australian studmaster Peter McWilliam of Dunmore (NSW) who was visiting New Zealand. (Mr McWilliam wrote the article on showing in our last issue).

Department of Lands & Survey Field Day

The Lands & Survey who maintain one of the bigger herds of Purebred Simmentals in the country plan to hold a major field day on their McKay's Crossing property at Paekakariki on WEDNESDAY 1ST APRIL. (Date to be confirmed.)

The planned format will include assessment and appraisal of their Simmental cattle backed by the comprehensive records that they have kept with emphasis on the advantages of Simmentals in the commercial situation.

The Department's graded Charolais herd will also be available for inspection. The field day will be open to anyone who wishes to attend and will include a light luncheon on the property.

Members are urged to support this event by attendance and encouragement of other interested people to attend. Invitations will be issued to Stock & Station Agencies and members of the news media.

A circular of advice will be sent closer to the time confirming dates, time and details of the format.

Canterbury Show (November 1980)

The breed was again promoted well at Canterbury with nineteen animals of excellent quality. The Canterbury Club mounted their now well established and recognized Breed Centre which is the focal point for visiting members and friends. Competing animals are 'rostered' into the two pens located at the Centre and this acts as a great draw card for interest from the public. This year Simmentals were in three localities on the Showgrounds — on our Centre, in the cattle pavilion and in Canterbury Court where a large display of beef cattle and sheep was mounted for the World Congress of Sheep and Beef Cattle.

Mr Robin Lowry of Havelock North, judge for the Show, had no simple task in some of the classes which produced even and well presented animals. Top honour went to 'Lochamday B. T. Jolt' entered by Society President, Mr R. N. S. Cox, who purchased him at Hamilton earlier in the year. 'Jolt' took Champion Bull, Supreme Champion Simmental and fourth in the Meat and Wool Cup which was won by a Hereford. Champion Cow went to O. J. Osborne, as did the Junior Champion Bull. Junior Champion Heifer was taken by Mrs J. C. Hall's entry. Mrs Hall won the same class at Christchurch last year with another heifer and in 1977 was placed 2nd in the Meat and Wool Cup in our first year of showing with another heifer.

Each year it is pleasing to see a few new faces in the ring. At Christchurch we welcomed John and Allison Howie from Pleasant Point and Brian Barclay from near Leeston. We hope this year's success will bring them back next year — their animals were a credit to them. Individual placings were as follows:

Cow over 2 years — 1st 'Irish Florence' (by Panther) O. J. Osborne; 2nd 'Arwood Heidi' (by Extra) O. J. Osborne; 3rd 'Comtesse' (by Duc) R. G. Macdonald 2 year Heifer — No Entry

Yearling Heifer – 1st 'Pendeen Larkspur' (by Avon Park Extra) Mrs J. C. Hall; 2nd 'Winfield Kiss me Kate' (by Winfield Goliath) O. J. Osborne; 3rd 'Avon Park Kiss' (by Salz) Mrs M. J. Carter

Bull over 2 years — 1st 'Blythe Janitor' (by Balig Agent) R. G. Macdonald

Bull 2 years — 1st 'Lochamday B. T. Jolt' (by Beat) Levels Farming Co.

Yearling Bull — 1st 'Winfield Knight' (by Winfield Goliath) O. J. Osborne; 2nd 'Penbrook H. F. Karl' (by Horst) B. Barclay; 3rd 'Wilderness Alexander' (by Winfield Goliath) G. H. Habberjam; 4th 'Southern Centurion' (by Scottish Metist) J. & A. Howie

Champion Cow – Irish Florence (Pendeen Trophy); Reserve Pendeen Larkspur

Champion Heifer – Pendeen Larkspur

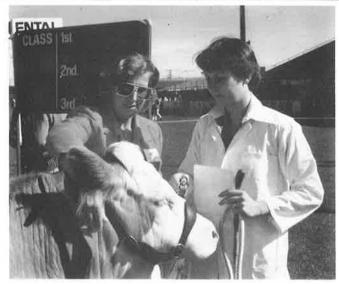
Champion Bull - Lochamday B. T. Jolt (Harlau Trophy); Reserve Winfield Knight

Junior Champion Bull – Winfield Knight

Supreme Champion Simmental – Lochamday B. T. Jolt



CANTERBURY SHOW



Melinda Carter receives a ribbon from the judges wife Jill Lowry.



Mayoral visit, Mr Hamish Hay mayor of Christchurch & his wife visited the Simmental centre. Standing with them are Neroli Osborne and Gay Cox.



Exhibitor George Habberjam of Springston relaxes at the show.



Oakleigh Osborne won the Pendeen Trophy for Champion Cow for the second year in succession, Jill Lowry is pictured with him.



The 'Mad Hatters' John Howie, George Habberjam, Jocelyn Hall, Oakleigh Osborne, Sue Osborne, Ian Johnstone.



Tim Hall who presented the Champion Heifer talks to lan Reed of Darfield.

SANDRA MACLEAN WRITES...

Junior Members

Hi. Hope all is going well. No doubt you are all looking forward to, or enjoying your holidays.

Thanks for the great response to membership. We now have 33 members.

The first ten to join were

The Cox Family - Simon and Mark

Collen O'Neill

Louise Smyth

Anne Howie

Nigel Geany

The Millen Family - Grant and Craig

The Eccles Family — Wilma and Pamela

and the Wallace-Wells, - Karen and Neville

The poster competition was a success with some really great entries being sent in. Thanks to everyone who entered. My only regret was it seemed a pity everyone could not win a prize. Still I am sure they will all be helpful for ideas for advertising and promotion.

The next competition is a 'Best Pet Photo' one. It was the idea of Shona Bates. All you have to do is send in a photo of your favourite pet with the reason(s) why it is your favourite. Photos will need to be sent to me by the first of March (next year) so the 'Best Pets' can be published in the next issue of the magazine.

If any of you are interested exchanging letters with members in different parts of New Zealand, or possibly the U.S. and Australia just send me your address and I will see what I can arrange.

At the Royal Show held in Hamilton two of our members were notable for their success and support for the society. Wilma Eccles entered a yearling bull called Kenneth who did very well, being placed third.

Marc Smith proved to be a capable stockman and a dab hand with a pitch fork. He was acting as assistant stock manager for his Grand father, Roy Smith.

Commendable efforts you two. Keep it up!

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OUR JUNIORS . . .

Shona writes:

I live on a farm about a mile from town. We had dairy cows but we sold out and run beef cattle now. Mum bought some Simmental cows to grade up so they still have an interest in pedigree stock. Dad went to Hamilton in June and bought a big Simmental bull which we call Jason.

I have a few pets whom I am fond of. First is Rock. He is the oldest of 4 dogs. Second is Fay. She is very gentle and always looking for a pat. Third is Ben. He is a saint. He is always romping around with Fay plus he is always wanting a pat too. Fourth is Mac, the baby although you wouldn't think so. He is 14 months old and is just about as big as Rock who is 10.

I also have two lambs Kellie and Jenny. Kellie is called Goat because she is always on her hind legs, and Jenny is called Brownie because her ears and legs are light brown.

I go to Wanganui Intermediate School and my hobbies include reading, mucking around, cross country (although I get puffed) driving trucks and I like driving mum's car.

Most of all I like entering my calf in the A&P Show. Up until this year I have had a Friesian calf but next year I hope to have a purebred Simmental entered.

Shona had a good idea for the magazine, a JOKE COLUMN and sent two jokes to start with.

Q: Why does cream cost more than milk?

Because it's harder for the cow to sit on a smaller bottle.

Q: What does a baby ape sleep in?

An ap-ri-cot

One more

Q: What do you get when you cross a cow with a duck? Cream quackers.

If you have any jokes or contributions to share do not forget to send them in to me.

Nigel Writes:

I am 13 and my hobbies are Simmentals, riding motorbikes and most kinds of sports. I have two brothers and one sister and my father owns 300 acres of hilly farmland just out of Rotorua. I help him every possible day. My jobs include driving the Landrover while dad feeds out to our 15 heifers, Simmental of course. We also have a bull called Glen Anthony Justin a healthy 2 year old and 19 Freisian steers.

I am hoping to extend my interests into Simmentals and am looking forward to the activities of the Junior Club.

Simon Writes:

Dear Sandra,

Our farm is 800 acres of rolling downs about 9 miles North of Timaru.

We run about 30 pure cows and 3 or 4 permanant bulls, although there are about 15 to 16 in July and August (Sales). Our farm isn't only cattle we also run about 2,500 sheep and are involved in cropping.

The whole family pitches in during the holidays. My younger sister feeds the sick and homeless. She also helps mum to tolerate Dad when milk and buckets go missing during the lambing and calving and hoses, buckets shampoo and brushes during the shows and sales. Mum loves helping Dad helping to move the cattle and sheep, and feeding the homeless lambs, and calves. But she don't think much of the blood & guts at 2 o'clock in the morning when Dad finds a cow with a problem. Don't think this means that Simmentals have a lot of calving problems only one or two.

My younger brother helps everyone and usually ends up by doing the foul jobs like feeding the dogs and hens.

When I was small I hated cattle and dreaded being anywhere near them. Now I love working with the cattle and it is usually my job to help feed and groom the cattle. Thats about all on me and my family.

Regards Simon.

Junior Poster Competition

As Sandra has noted in her letter, we have received good entries for our poster competition from all over the country. In total we have had twenty posters which is excellent when we only have thirty-four junior members. A lot of hard work has gone into entries and obviously we have some budding artists amongst us.

Posters were judged recently and we decided to make three classes as ages ranged from six to fourteen. Results were as follows:

12 and over: 1st Anne Howie (13) of Pleasant Point near

Timaru.

2nd Roslyn Locke (13) of Taupiri near Hamilton

9 to 12: 1st Brent Elliot (11) of Waimate in South Canterbury.

2nd Novalea Rolley (10) of Matangi in

Waikato.

Under 9: 1st Jason Smith (8) of Te Puke in the Bay

of Plenty.

2nd Craig Millen (6) of Hamilton.

Winners are congratulated for their efforts as are all the others who sent posters in. Good work everybody.



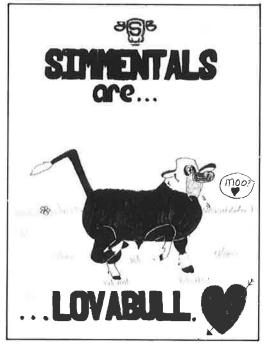
Exhibitor at Canterbury Brian Barclay of Brookside with his three sons. Tim, Michael and James.



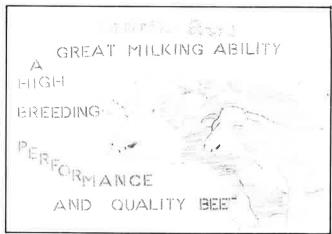
Juniors: Nigel Geany



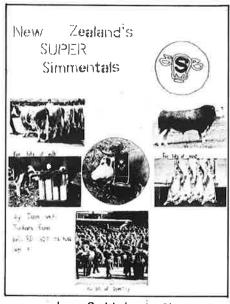
Simon Cox.



Anne Howie (12 and over)



Brent Elliot (9-12)



Jason Smith (under 9)

Miscellaneous



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Transfers

If you sell an animal which is registered and you wish it to remain so, it *must* be transferred *by the vendor*.

Recently the Office received some strong criticism from a purchaser who had bought cattle in April, and had not received any documents by October. The criticism may well be justified but misdirected as the Office had no knowledge of the particular transaction which was a private sale. The vendor had just not got around to completing the transfer which resulted in unfair criticism of our staff and an understandably upset purchaser. It is a rule that transfers must be completed within three months if a penalty is to be avoided. After twelve months a transfer is not recognised.

Printing Schedule for Magazine

ISSUES – April, August, December.

CLOSING DATES:

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Rates: Inside Cover (two colour) \$125.00

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Inserts and loose leaf rates by inquiry. Design and finished artwork arranged at reasonable rates.

Proposed Led Steer Competition

Dear Member,

Since joining the Council I have been very keen on the idea of running a 'Led Steer Competition' at Royal Shows.

The idea has become more pertinent now that the 'Meat Board' has withdrawn its support from your local A. & P. competitions, plus the fact of course, that the rules change far too regularly and some contests have weight restrictions.

The ideal competition would have all the Breeds participating but unfortunately it is in this area where our problems begin. Our Society has approached other Breeds through the Royal Agricultural Society and United Breeds Society but no positive action has been formulated to date, however, in the following months I will try and encourage other Breeds to join our Competition and if they don't when they see the success and potential in what we are doing surely they will want to join in later.

I presume it is not necessary for me to point out the many many advantages from running such a contest, not only on the promotion line but the educational aspects to members and to the public must be considerable. The only real disadvantage is the work of preparing another animal for a show but it would only be every two or three years when the Royal Show was in your part of the country. It will be hard of course for some people to part company with their friendly, well groomed and quiet animal to which as we all know there is no real answer.

Below I have set out our first set of 'Guide Line Rules' so those of you able to support us next year may begin preparing your animal. Our final rules will take more time to work out, especially if I can get more Breeds to participate.

In closing I must say we have not yet had final approval for this competition but the indications are we will not get turned down. We look forward to getting your support and I would only be too pleased to answer any queries or ideas that may eventuate.

N. J. BARNETT

- 1. Contest to be held during first week of November 1981 at the Palmerston North Royal Show.
- 2. Cattle must contain at least 50% Simmental blood.
- 3. Cattle not to be born before 1st July 1980.
- 4. All cattle must be led and quiet.
- 5. All cattle will be judged on hoof and points allocated accordingly to find 'on hoof winner.'
- 6. All cattle will be slaughtered and graded. Points will be allocated for: weight, yield, fat cover and hopefully ribeye.
- 7. Details of points scoring will be finalised at a later date.

Retention Of Steer Calves

Those who market weaners, normally retain the tops of their heifer calves for the breeding herd. Has it occurred to you that you can just as easily retain three or four top steer calves that can be run in the same mob? If only a few people in each area introduced this practice there would be a great nucleus of animals available for carcass competitions. Those in the dairying situation could do likewise.

MOSSY CREEK SIMMENTAL STUD

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SIMMENTALS WIN 1980 ROYAL SHOW

MEAT & WOOL CUP

Exhibitor: H.R.Lowry, Pukekohu, Havelock North.

SIMMENTALS ALSO WON IN INTER-BREED COMPETITION...

WAIKATO FOUNDERS CUP: TEAM EVENT

CHAMPION FEMALE, YEARLING HEIFER, COW & CALF, TWO YEAR HEIFER. Places also won: RES. CHAMPION BULL 3rd.YEARLING BULL, 3rd.COW & CALF, 3rd BULL/HEIFER Pr.



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