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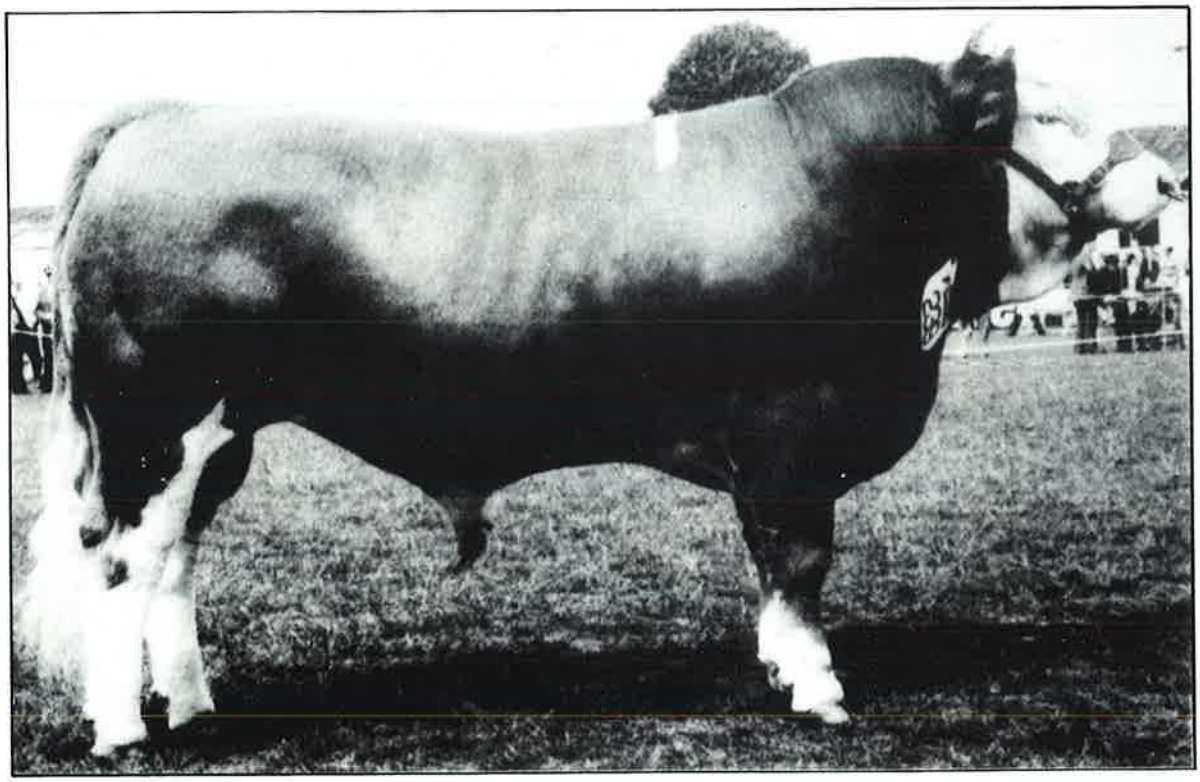

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EDITORIAL

The N.Z. Simmental Society is but one small facet of an International organisation, The World Simmental Federation.

This body composed of contributing member countries of which we are one, meets bi-annually in a different country on each occasion. 1984 marks such an event, held but three hours away from our own shores — Australia.

This highly successful event is now over and one may ask what it was about, what was learnt or achieved? Good questions and difficult to answer when so many diverse things take place in a very well organised week.

Perhaps one of the most outstanding things was the very stuff that a Congress is made of — the coming together and intermixing of people. In Sydney many people of different countries, languages and customs gathered together in common interest — Simmentals. Their assembly presented a unique opportunity to learn to interchange and understand.

The Australian World Congress Committee provided the facilities and the organisation for this to happen which it most surely and successfully did.

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SOME OBSERVATIONS
(A contribution by R. N. S. Cox)

Fourteen years ago who would have believed that Simmentals would become the respected breed they are to-day, not only in Europe but in so many other countries in the world. I have had the opportunity to travel through Canada, U.S.A. and Australia in the last six months, meeting Simmental people and seeing cattle of varying qualities. Overall the Simmental has fitted into all types of environment and management categories. The versatility of the breed has I think been the most impressive aspect. To have seen Simmentals in freezing conditions of up to -40c and also cattle grazing country in the hot dry lands of Australia shows that these animals can adjust to all types of conditions. We have all probably had people say Simmentals are only small herd beasts, fed on the best feed and housed in the winter. This may be true in Europe but certainly not in other countries.

A great number of New Zealand members had the opportunity to meet breeders from all over the world at the Congress in Sydney and the Pre Congress tour of New Zealand. The contacts made, showed me more fully the extent of Simmental participation in many countries. South Africa, Argentine, Australia, Canada, Zambia, Zimbabwie, U.S.A. and New Zealand are all free range and extensive cattle breeding countries and the breed has adapted in these varying situations temendously well.

The main contribution to the breed has been the people involved. This is reflected in the administration of each Society that has been set up to run the breed affairs. I was most impressed with the progress of the registrations and members. In some cases the increase per annum of memberships and registrations is running at up to 45%. This is incredible. The success is due to the sound financial base that each Society has invested to provide a solid security for its members and staff. To outside people this also gives them security to become involved, knowing that their own personal investment is sound.

I also found that the Societies are very aware of the importance of the commercial breeder and his wants in the market place. Too many other breed Societies are too involved in looking after only the registered cattle and members.

I am retiring after thirteen years but not because I have had enough, or I do not think there is a future in the breed. The time I have spent on the Council has been tremendous. The atmosphere has always been friendly and challenging. The attitude of the Council and members has been one of pulling together to suport the attributes of the breed. Probably being a new Society we hae been lucky in that we have not got into the situation of inner fighting, jealousy and parochial attitudes. We must all be very concious of this, and strive to maintain the ability to listen, learn and retain the tradition of compatibility that has been established. This way the breed must only go forward.

I list below the main things I would like to see happen to the breed in future.

1. Maintain and jealously guard the financial assets that we have.
2. Encourage contact with members and the commercial breeders.
3. Maintain high standards of membership and Society integrity.
4. Members should rely on quality rather than quantity in their breeding programmes.
5. Encourage performance recording as a tool to obtaining greater standards.
6. Members should make every effort to promote themselves and their cattle to the commercial breeder.
7. Members must strive to obtain the highest standards in structural aspects of the breed i.e. legs, feet, shoulders and jaws.
8. The Society must look more closely at bulls accepted for A.I. registration with regards to the suggestion in item 7.
9. An elite cow register should be established to enable breeders to take advantage of top genetic material.
10. To promote the breed not only as a terminal breed but also as a maternal animal.

Some members may be interested in my visit and views of the scene in Canada. They have a tremendously enthusiastic Association with very fine people involved. The cattle that I saw on farm and at the Agriculture Show generally were of good quality. The bulls which are available to New Zealand for A.I. use in some cases concern me. There are some bulls that are definitely sub standard with regards to legs and feet. They may have all the eight gain qualities but structurally are not suitable for our conditions. Foot trimming in many countries is a standard management procedure. Cows and bulls feet are trimmed probably once a year. This makes selection for good footed animals difficult. The emphasis generally in Canada is for taller cattle with very little loose skin (leather) and selected for weight gain. I felt that structural aspects had become secondary to the above. It was interesting to note that one of the main comments made by speakers at the Pre Congress tour to New Zealand was that we must watch our feet and legs. These remarks were made by North American breeders!

This may sound a little harsh to our Canadian friends but when one looks at selection for New Zealand use and the heavy emphasis we have on legs and feet we must be assured that animals have not been tampered with. I informed many that our bulls for sale were not allowed to have their feet touched, and we then backed them for two years, this caused a few surprised comments. This brings me back to item 8 where somehow, the New Zealand Society should be inspecting closely the bulls entering our A.I. register, from anywhere in the world. Members should be prepared to fund this for their own protection.

I must state clearly that there are some very good bulls that we should have in New Zealand from Canada to widen our genetic base. The A.I. stations are always trying to obtain the very best and after discussion with some of their semen export personnel I think they appreciate the type of animals that would suit our conditions, but beware of high powered promotion.

The breed has a great future and my involvement in the administration has been most rewarding and I thank Members, Council, Society Staff and Ian Johnstone for the help and enjoyment I have had over the years.

Rodney Cox

NEW ZEALAND PRESIDENT STANDS DOWN

After thirteen years of continuous service on the administrative body of the N.Z. Simmental Society, five of which have been as President, Rodney Cox, who this year completes his Council term of three years has not sought re-election.

His withdrawal from the Council marks the end of an era in that he is the last of the original members who served firstly on the Steering Committee and then on the first Council. As such he is the Society's longest serving Councillor. During his term he has served on various Committees within the Council and for a number of years has been Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Rodney's personal involvement in Simmental cattle has been intense 'The Levels' (Herd 3) imported some of the first semen and also some of the first purebreds to come into the country. Under his management the Level's herd has developed into one of the largest purebred herds in N.Z. and is known throughout Australasia for the quality of its cattle both in the show and sale ring.

The duties of a President are unspecified and there are few people who appreciate the time that is given in such a positon. The Council Table is one thing, but there are endless hours and often days of personal time spent on Society matters. Rodney Cox has been one of those Presidents (and councillors) who has dedicated an enormous amount of time to the affairs of the N.Z. Simmental Society over more than a decade. He will be greatly missed from the administration of the Society but he retires from the Council firm in the knowledge that he has contributed strongly and effectively to a well established and thriving organisation.

COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The 1984 Council Elections have resulted in some changes. Three seats became vacant this year, those of Messrs R. N. S. Cox (who did not seek re-election) J. R. Sutton and the late R. G. Macdonald. In the call for nominations four candidates were put forward so a postal ballot was necessary. Election day was Thursday 17th May and the count of votes resulted in three new Councillors being elected — John Absolom of Rissington, Hawkes Bay, David Carter of Banks Peninsula, Canterbury and Woodford Rouse of Five Rivers, Central Southland. Jim Sutton who has been a Councillor for nine years was defeated by a narrow margin in what was a very even balance of votes in one of the strongest polls for some years.

We take this opportunity of recording our sincere thanks to Jim Sutton for the considerable contribution he has made to the Society affairs during his Council term. The computerisation of the Society's records the introduction of performance recording have been two projects in which he has had intense personal involvement over the years. In a climate that has not always been easy his logical calm and thorough approach has paved the way for the now smoothly working system we have. A strong advocate for recording of performance it must be of satisfaction to him to see the increase of members who are extending their records to include performance. The Sire reference scheme has also been one of his projects and although through no lack of endeavour on his behalf it has not yet been conclusive, it will continue in an updated form.

Jim has for some years headed the Council Technical Committee and has served on both Finance and Promotion as well as a term as Vice President. His term on the Council has been one of endeavour and achievement.

John Absolom

David Carter

Woodford Rouse

Jim Sutton

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THE 5TH WORLD CONGRESS — SYDNEY

Nearly fifty New Zealander's travelled to Australia for the 5th World Congress which was held in Sydney during the week preceding the Royal Show. There they joined a large assembly of overseas visitors and Australians for what proved to be a momentous week of activities.

Based at the Regent Hotel, an establishment of standards equal to any leading hotel in the world delegates were made welcome by their Australian hosts on arrival on Monday. The Congress was officially opened on Tuesday evening at the Australian President's cocktail party where the Premier of N.S.W. welcomed delegates and Mr Fritz Hari, President of the World Federation, opened the Congress. The evening was most pleasantly passed meeting old friends and many new people.

The following day gave the morning free with the afternoon occupied with a Harbour Cruise, in perfect conditions. The several hundred people who participated in this event were shown the major scenic spots within the beautiful harbour and given a commentary on what they saw — interlaced with Australia's finest champagne! On their return to the quayside they gathered on the lawn at the bottom of George Street to appraise the assembly of 24 cattle to be offered that evening at the Great Australian Simmental Sale. People mingled with the crowd and the cattle to the honeyed tones of three 'Alphorns' skillfully blown by Swiss in their colourful National costumes. Sharp on 5.30 under escort of the mounted Police the cattle were led off the lawn into George Street and up to the Regent Hotel where they paraded through the main entrance past the front doors of the Hotel before being re-assembled at the rear of the hotel for the Sale. To plan and carry out such a manoeuvre in one of the main streets of a city, ranked in the five largest of the world, at rush hour takes imagination and flare.

Following pre-dinner drinks guests assembled in the enormous Regent ballroom for dinner. Also assembled in the ballroom was the sale ring and auctioneers rostrum. The catalogue of twenty four animals began with females of which there were twelve. Top price was A$20,000.00 for a beautiful three year old with heifer calf at foot by Beat. By Extra she was from a New Zealand cow Aroha Eilleen bred by John Austin in Canterbury and exported to the vendors, the Burnell family, some years ago. This cow and calf were subsequently placed Grand Champion in the female classes at the Sydney Show.

The purchaser was well known Australian breeder and Councillor Lloyd Bailey of Queensland.

In the bull offering A$10,000.00 was the top price, coincidentally, for a two year old by Munga Park Polled Prince out of the same cow as the top female — Aroha Eilleen.

The average for females was A$5841.00 and for bulls A$5437.00 with a gross turnover of A$135,350.00.

From the Sale we have the first Simmental to be exported to New Zealand from Australia — reversing the situation that has persisted for over ten years. A heifer by Landmark bred by K. R. Lowe of Orange was purchased on behalf of a New Zealand breeder by Wrightson NMA. As with so many Australian Simmentals lineage often goes back to N.Z. origin. This heifer was out of a Mareatotara cow bred by Robin Lowry of Hawkes Bay.

A spectacular project it was not particularly easy for auctioneer John Sinclair as he had to contend with close on 500 'winers and diners' and not all were buying cattle as he discovered when he knocked down one lot to somebody ordering another bottle of wine!! Following the sale a 'Bush Band' provided music for dancing and just to add the final touch a group of Koala bears were presented for visitors — nothing was left undone.

Thursday was Technical Day attended mainly by the male delegates and this proved to be a stimulating series of addresses on the beef industry in Australia and America together with papers on Animal Health, Computer Technology and Electronics and Genetic Engineering. The extremely high standard of speakers and their presentations was a mark of the whole tone of the Congress.

Friday and Saturday were taken up with the Sydney Royal Show and visitors (who hadn't been before) were introduced to the led steer competition on Friday — most impressive and this year won by the Murray Greys with Simmentals second. Saturday saw the class judging with over 170 Simmentals in competition. Mr Allan Dumaresq of Tasmania who quite a number of New Zealander's met last year when he visited us for the Royal Show, had a testing and long day with large classes of extremely high quality. The premier awards went to the Burnell family of Munga Park in South Australia who exhibited both the Grand Champion Female and Male and as a consequence the Supreme Champion Simmental. The two Champions were in fact brother and sister from the same transplant. Munga Park Anna top priced female at the Sale and Munga Park Frederic who already has a very impressive Show record having won the all breeds Championship at the Melbourne Royal and Championships at Adelaide and Canberra. Munga Park Frederic also won the New Zealand Challenge Trophy which was presented by Rodney Cox. The winning pair were placed reserve in the all breeds Championship.

Saturday evening saw the wind-up banquet at the Regent Hotel — a warm and friendly affair after a tremendous week. All too quickly it was over and the Congress as such concluded with people dispersing in various directions to see other parts of Australia or return home.

In writing this report a week or two after its conclusion one realises the immense amount of work, planning and detail that went into the whole Congress to present a week of functions and activities that went (as far as the participant was aware) without a hitch or a hiccup. The Australians at large are to be warmly congratulated on a memorable event.

THE ROYAL SHOW 1984

Next year's Royal is in Invercargill — start to think about it now and look your cattle over. There is already a fair contingent making plans to 'pool' transport and expenses for an assault on the deep South. It would be really something to take a Meat and Wool Cup at a Royal in the South Island. Some of you will recall we took second at Christchurch in our first year of showing in 1977.

THE 5TH WORLD CONGRESS — SYDNEY

The parade in George Street leads into the hotel.

Mounted Police Escort.

Parade banner carriers.

. . . and so into the Regent Hotel.

Derek Satterthwaite from Timaru.

Gail Johnstone with Lyn Sloane from Whangarei.

Dr Earl Peterson Administration Director of American Simmental Assoc. talks to Jocelyn Hall of Hororata.

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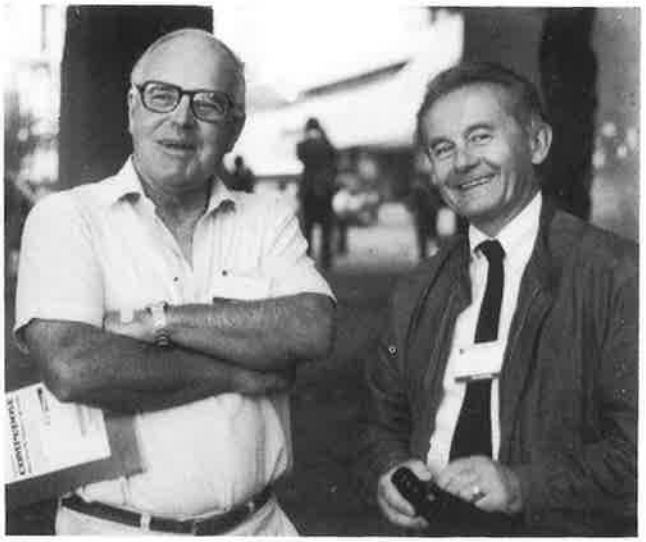

Dick Kerr Past President of NZ Society talks with Dr Edwin Schwarz of Germany.

Sally & Abie Aukaha of Mt. Maunganui at the show.

Lyn & Terry Sloane watch the judging.

John Absolom, Clare Perry, Trevor Melville, Alan Perry and Gilbert Pearce at "Simmental House", Sydney.

Gaye Timperly from Northland with Sally Aukaha.

Rodney Cox, NZ President who presented the NZ Trophy for the Grand Champion Bull at Sydney. On the far right is Bruce Burnell the owner and next to him Allan Dumersq the show judge.

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1984 SALES

Arrangements are now complete for both our major Sales and catalogues will have been dispatched by the time this issue is in print. Venues and set up will be much the same as in previous years with numbers in each sale around forty animals.

Lot numbers have this year been decided on 1983 Sale averages. Regular vendors will know we have tried a number of systems over the years and while workable most have proved to have some disadvantage. The basis of our calculations for 1984 is as follows:
Each vendor in last year's sales has the sale price added and then divided by the number of animals *offered.* e.g. four offered, three sold, total realised $6000÷4=$1500 averaged. Lot order is then established on scale of average. So that 1983 vendors do not take up the whole of the first part of the catalogue the sales are divided into two 'runs' or sections and those with more than one animal are allocated lots in each run, e.g. a vendor with three has two in the first run and one in the second in the same average order of draw. Once 1983 vendors have had their order established new vendors (those who did not sell the previous year) are drawn by marble in lottery fashion. Those with more than one animal have animals in both runs the same as 1983 vendors. This system ensures that new vendors who may have only one animal do not end up at the end of the catalogue and have the opportunity of establishing themselves in a higher order in the next season's catalogue depending of course on their sale price. In its implementation the system appears to be the most fair and equitable we have established. Vendors may and have nominated the selling order of their entries.

DISTRICT SALES

This year we have three district or provincial Sales.
SOUTH CANTERBURY: Run Bull Sale.
TEMUKA. Wednesday 4th July.
WAIKATO & DISTRICT: Cambridge Saleyards.
Thursday 5th July.
NORTHLAND: Kauri Saleyards.
Wednesday 11th July.

South Canterbury are holding their first sale and we hope that the result will establish this as an annual feature.

N.Z. FIELDAYS — HAMILTON

This major agricultural exhibition is on the 14, 15 and 16 June at Mystery Creek. The Waikato Club are hopeful they will display Simmentals (depending on space). If you are attending the fieldays call and see our exhibit.

SALES/ MISCELLANEOUS DISPERSALS

From time to time breeders put a few surplus cattle through the 'yards'. These are in most cases culls or ones they have been unable to dispose of privately. If you do this please ensure you are specific about the status of such cattle. Advise your agents positively that they are non-transferable. This solves a problem that has occurred on more than one occasion where a farmer has purchased such cattle and then approached us for transfer and registration certificates. An embarrassment and a disappointment to have to tell a prospective member that what he has bought is not viable — he is unlikely to come back.

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'AFTER SALES SERVICE'

It would be interesting to know how many breeders follow up what happens to the bull they sell and how it has performed. A few, I know do just this and with rewarding results, usually a repeat order.

This practice is done increasingly overseas and I recently met a Canadian who manages a stud that personally delivers all their sale bulls — a daunting project in a big country but they say it pays handsomely. I know on some of the properties I visit to recognize a bull from another stud makes an interesting talking point. Buyers, particularly first time buyers, really appreciate a visit. It also gives the breeder some idea of what happens to his bull and what sort of progeny he is producing and probably most important a gauge of the purchasers requirements. Think about it, it is a good promotional idea.

Miscellaneous

PRE CONGRESS TOUR OF N.Z.

The week before the 5th World Congress in Sydney we were honoured to receive a visit from over sixty overseas delegates. In seven days we were able to show them something of our country, our people and our cattle, visiting areas in both Islands.

Our tour was made up of Americans, Canadians, Zambians, Germans and Africans and was heralded as being highly successful. Great credit must go to the many people who worked so hard to organise cattle facilities and hospitality for our visitors in the areas they visited — it was memorable. Perhaps the individual highlight for most was the 'farm billet' in Hawkes Bay where the local farming community took people into their homes for the night — they so enjoyed it.

In over 2000 kilometres of travel we did not have a single problem (discounting lateness) neither was there one complaint — it was a happy tour with a great group of people.

I will not attempt to document the itinerary, it was comprehensive and at times stretching. To those who did so much our very grateful thanks. For our sometimes late arrival our appologies, it is the hardest thing to control on any tour.

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SWISS DELEGATES VISIT N.Z.

Following the Sydney Congress eighteen Swiss made a brief visit to N.Z. on the way home to Europe. Arriving in Auckland they visited Rotorua and Taranaki where they were guests of the Swiss Community. We were pleased to be able to see something of these people and arrange a couple of farm calls for them on their way through to Taranaki where they were entertained and shown the dairy sectors of our breed and allied industries. The writer co-incided his return to N.Z. to arrive in Auckland and escorted them to John and Penny Scotts at Cambridge where sadly we were very late and resorted to looking at cattle in car lights. Unfortunately with Customs delays and Easter traffic our progress from Auckland was painfully slow and there was little we could do about the situation. Our sincere apologies to the Scotts who had done a great deal in preparation but let me assure them their welcome fire and hospitality were greatly appreciated.

To visit a country and be entertained in a comfortable private home is a pleasure few group tours ever enjoy. After the tourist spots of Rotorua we travelled to Neil and Derrian Barnetts where we had an excellent field day with their cattle and a first class demonstration of working sheep dogs. Neil and Derrian had also done a lot to make the day very successful. We have no direct reports from Taranaki but have heard indirectly they thoroughly enjoyed their visit. In the group, few of whom spoke English we had Mr Fritz Hari immediate past World President and Alfred Ruesegger the World Secretary General. Language presented a few problems as we had a skilful interpreter and multi linguists like John Scott plus several other German and French expatriots. It was a pleasure to have yet again a great group of people and I personally was sorry to say farewell to them at the Barnetts. We look forward to a visit from at least some of them again in the future.

Neil Barnett points out cattle to his Swiss visitors. On his right is past World President, Fritz Hari and Alfred Ruesegger, World Federation Secretary General.

A 'hayride' for the visitors. On the cab of the jeep is Therese Thoeni who travelled with the group as interpreter. She also acted as interpreter at the World Congress.

John Absolom of Rissington talks to his overseas visitors.

Rissington Cattle.

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Club Show at Cambridge specially put on for our overseas visitors.

Guest judges, Dr Edwin Schwarz (Germany), Peter Kleinschmidt (Zambia) and Gerry Kaumeyer (Canada) with Gary Locke of Taupiri and his Champion yearling bull.

Gary Locke r
between them
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Geoff Mathis talks to visitors on his farm at Tirau.

Dr Harry Furgeson U.S.A. takes a relaxed view

International gathering at the Levels, Timaru: Peter Kleinschmidt (Zambia), Peter Massman (South Africa), Keith Svienson (Canada and now World President), John Howie (President South Canterbury Club), Karl Muller (Germany), Eberhart Thyssen (Germany), Rodney Cox (New Zealand President), Dr Harry Furgeson of U.S.A.

Part of the very large crowd at the Levels, home of Rodney and Gay Cox.

Which are the Americans?
Neither – South African on the left and Kiwi on the right!

The Levels and visiting cattle set up for exhibition in

Schwarz of Germany meets a couple of Kiwis!

Farm host Robin Lowry (centre) with guests Alan Perry, Peter Klienschmidt (Zambia), Slade Marshall (Zambia), Dr Harry Furgeson (U.S.A.).

David Gaunt, Secretary British Society talks with Canterbury member, Colin Patterson.

eived his Trophy from Dorothy Furgeson of U.S.A., is Jim Marshall of McLaren Falls who won the Supship with his yearling heifer.

Waikato Club Secretary, Ron Wallace-Wells and Club President, John Scott.

A different scene, throughbred horses at the Campin property at Cambridge.

American visitor Lorraine Struckmeyer and Pat Robinson who brought the tour to New Zealand.

Serena and Ray Baker who came with their parents, with Bud Hills another American visitor.

Peter Massman, Executive Secretary of South Africa points out matters of interest to his fellow countrymen at Woody Rouse's property.

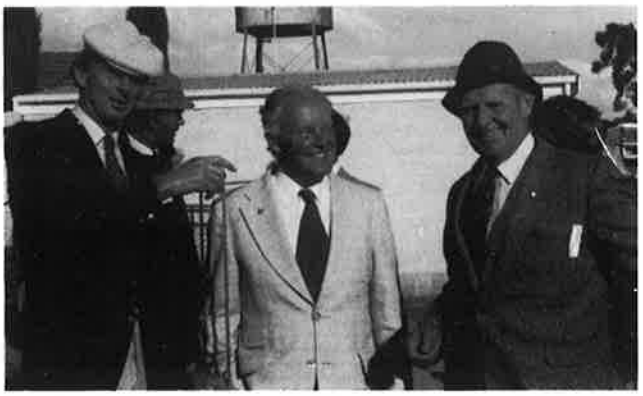
PRE CONGRESS TOUR

The field day at Woody Rouse's East Dome property.

Betty Lott of Garston (Southland) with Diana Massman of South Africa.

ost attractive surroundings.

Office staff, Yvonne Kingsland and Ann Boyce who with their husbands attended the Levels Field Day. Warren Boyce stands with them.



Important visitors – Robin Frazer of 'Sterndale' Angus Stud, Ray Leslie, Murray Grey Stud Breeder and Hamish McKerchar, well known 'Waratah' Hereford Stud with Stan Crosson.

MARLBOROUGH/ NELSON

Club members in this area are not numerous but in March a few interested people gathered in the Seddon area to look at cattle and to keep in touch with what goes on. The Secretary made a brief visit to coincide with the day. Members met at Graham Orchard's property just out of Seddon and had a 'paddock walk' to look at his cattle. This herd started in 1977 was based on the earlier dairy herd and the progress through the grading up process has been most encouraging and is now at purebred status. The herd has increased in size and is at the stage that some very useful cattle are being produced. The property is in the process of having a very comprehensive irrigation scheme installed and this will prove a great advantage for Graham's cattle in the Marlborough dry seasons.

Some Marlborough/Nelson members l. to r. Jim Lissaman, David Creswell, Ivo Lissaman, Mr and Mrs D. Neumann, Rupert Martin (absent Graham Orchard).

Bulls of various grades up to pure on Graham Orchard's property.

Further west of Seddon Jim and Rob Lissaman run 'Waireka' which has an established herd of Simmentals and members spent time having a look at their cattle. On both properties there were useful bulls and some effort was planned to get these out to commercial breeders. The increase in interest in Simmentals has, as elsewhere, increased and the Nelson area in particular has had inquiries for bulls. Recent weaner sales in New Zealand must have some effect on what is happening. Marlborough is not predominately cattle country but there is a developing market in the Murchison area and the West coast for our cattle as has been shown by agent inquiries from that area.

Purebred bulls at Jim Lissaman's

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10 7/8 BRED COWS

5 3/4 BRED COWS

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3 PUREBRED BULL CALVES

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MONDAY 18th JUNE

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CLUBS

The activities of Clubs are often sporadic, things happen when they crop up. Recently there has been intense activity in a number of areas with outstanding results and this has been motivated by the recent visit of our overseas delegates on their way to the World Congress.

WAIKATO DISTRICTS

The Club who hold an annual Show in February/ March delayed their event this year to coincide with the overseas tour. The Show was first set up to give a then relatively inexperienced group of breeders some simulated show experience without actually going to a Show! It was a good idea and has developed into an excellent Club day.

This year the Club really pulled 'all stops' and put forward over thirty animals of top quality for our visitors to see — a great introduction to New Zealand as it was the first group of Simmentals they had seen. After class judging a panel of three overseas visitors were invited to select the Champion female and male and the Supreme Champion. Dr Edwin Schwarz of Germany, Gerry Kaumeyer of Canada and Peter Kleinschmidt of Zambia selected two yearlings from the cattle presented, one a heifer and one a bull. Their selection and subsequent placings were unanimous with the heifer, exhibited by Jim Marshall of McLarens Falls Tauranga (a first time exhibitor) placed Champion and the bull exhibited by Gary Locke of Taupiri Reserve. In their summing up the judges were most complimentary about the cattle presented to them and the standard of presentation. The two younger animals selected were both outstanding. Prizes for the Show were presented by Mrs Dorothy Fergeson of Montana, U.S.A. who was a tour visitor.

Following the judging the large group of Club members (over fifty) gathered with their guests for refreshments and an excellent lunch in the Racecourse facilities at the Showgrounds. It was a tremendous start to a tour through New Zealand and the Club members are to be congratulated on the support and effort they put into making our visitors so welcome — the hardest part was to get them to leave.

Following the Club gathering the tour made a brief call at the 'Chequers' thoroughbred horse stud of Mr and Mrs J. Campin where they saw 'Vice Regal' and 'Prince Echo' two leading stallions and heard something about the racing industry in this country. On the way to Tirau a call was made to John Hammond's deer farm to let people see deer in captivity at close quarters.

To round the day off the tour spent this latter part of the afternoon with Geoff and Marion Mathis on their dairy farm. A superb afternoon tea was provided by the Mathis family and Geoff gave a very informative and interesting address on his property and the dairy industry. Following that visitors saw the practical side of the job in the milking shed.

HAWKES BAY

The Club is not 'thick' in members but a Field Day was set up at Rissington Station, the property of John and Star Absolom and was strongly supported by members and friends. Visitors were entertained to a excellent lunch and the afternoon was spent in appraisal and discussion of the very large herd at Rissington. Centre stage was well known identity 'LBJ Jade' and with him was a visitors H. R. Lowry's 'Irish Empress' and her Jade calf who had come across from Hastings for the day. Visitors found the whole day fascinating in that they could go back to some of the original cows that were on the property in 1974. Not many properties in N.Z. are able to present such a large group of cattle which are well recorded and which their owner is able to identify individually in a mob situation. An impressive and most interesting day greatly appreciated by our overseas people.

SOUTHLAND

Another Club who presented a 'special' for the visitors. Centred on Woody Rouse's East Dome property, cattle from a number of breeders in the area had been pre-assembled for appraisal in specially constructed display pens adjacent to the homestead. Barbeque lunch was served and visitors were given a top demonstration of N.Z. working sheepdogs. As an extra the Southland Gliding Club who use Woody's property as their main flying base put on a fantastic display of aerobatics (in a glider). The very strong westerly wind gave terrific 'lift' and enabled a breathtaking exhibition for those on the ground (the aerial conditions 'upstairs' must have been anything but pleasant).

Again a tremendous day out, well planned and perfectly done.

The night prior to the field day the Club members joined visitors at the Gondola Restaurant in Queenstown for a very happy evening.

CENTRAL OTAGO

On the journey north from East Dome the tour stopped at Tarras at Malvern Downs, the property of Rob and Jan Gibson. Our stop was two-fold — to see their Merino sheep and to see their cattle. Both were assembled close to the homestead and an interesting hour was spent with them. It should also be recorded that, Bill Gibson (Rob's father) and Max Snow (an uncle) acted as our tour guides on the way through from Queenstown to Omarama giving a fascinating description of the area and its history.

SOUTH CANTERBURY

The final day of the tour was no exception — a memorable day with well over two hundred people present and a top display of cattle from the Levels

and other local studs. There was also a group of excellent weaner steers on exhibit. Again the success of the day was founded on great organisation and a strong band of people who worked hard for some weeks to make the day what it was. A tremendous lunch was served in a marquee on the lawn and visitors were able to meet and talk with our area members and quite a large contingent who came through from the North Canterbury area.

IN SUMMARY

While it was only possible for the Pre-congress tour to visit specific areas in both Islands as a 'Kiwi' travelling with them it was a tremendous experience to witness the results of the great deal of planning and hard work that had gone into each day that had been set up for the visitors and to see the warmth and friendship with which they were greeted. It made one feel proud to be a Kiwi and on behalf of the N.Z. Society I congratulate each and everyone who did such a tremendous ambassadors job both for N.Z. and the Simmental breed.

NEW RULE BOOK

All members will have received copies of the reprint of the Rules and Regulations of the Society. The rule section remains basically unchanged but there are a number of alterations and additions to the regulations. These have been implanted progressively since the last printing to meet the requirements of the Society operations. We ask that you familiarize yourself with these sections.

'P. R. IN THE PARK'

In early January Christchurch held a 'festival' and one of the many facets was a 'country day' in Hagley Park. The Tai Tapu Dairy Co. invited the Canterbury Club to display an animal which was done with a very nice little heifer loaned by Tony and Lorraine Partridge of Springston. She was infact the only cattle beast shown (so much for the dairy industry who sponsored it!)

The day was fine the crowd was large and our 'exhibit' created a lot of interest and many people went away knowing just what a Simmental is — one visitor already knew. He was a Swiss! A small but very tidy effort and a very good P.R. exercise.

TATTOO YEAR LETTERS...

1982 = N

1983 = P

1984 = R

NOSE CLIPS

In our last issue we advertised spring loaded nose clips. Unfortunately there has been considerable delay in the arrival of supplies from England and we regret that some orders are still unfilled. As soon as we receive advice of arrival we will contact those who have ordered.

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Simbeef Heifer 15 @ $485
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Same Sale — Simbeef Steers 15 @ $455
Vendor: R. J. Makgill, Te Puke.
Simbeef Steers 15 @ $455
Vendor: Otara Farms, Te Puke.
Total yarding 1400 steers. 775 heifers.
Other breeds top price Steers $357, Heifer $315.

WAIROA
* Market Toppers — Simbeef Steers 32 @ $470
Vendor: Unknown at time of printing.

HASTINGS
* Market Toppers — Simbeef Steers 50 @ $430
Second cut $350
Vendor: D. Brownrigg, Waipukurau.

WAIPUKURAU
* Market Toppers — Simbeef Heifers $370
Second cut $350
Vendor: D. Brownrigg, Waipukurau.

TAIHAPE
* Market Toppers — Simbeef Steers 23 @ $435
Vendor: Totara Hills Farm, Ohingaiti
Ralgro Winner.
Market Toppers — Simbeef Steers 19 @ $430
Simbeef Heifer 30 @ $330
Vendor: A. Williams, Taihape.

DANNEVIRKE
* Market Toppers — Simbeef Steers 19 @ $470
Vendor: Te Kouka Station (A. H. Plummer) Dannevirke.

ADDINGTON
* Market Toppers — Simbeef Steers 10 @ $480
66 @ $444
Vendor: O. J. Osborne, Leeston (8th consecutive year)

TEMUKA
* Market Toppers — Simbeef Steers 20 @ $460
10 @ $456
Vendor: E. J. Parr, Fairlie
Other vendors: Gordon Valley 10 @ $415
R. M. & J. J. Ford 15 @ $435
15 @ $425
R. Gudex 10 @ $432
R. B. Baker 15 @ $436
15 @ $420
A. T. Squire 10 @ $458
Highest price other breeds. $415
Market Toppers — Simbeef Heifers 12 @ $368
Vendor: R. Gudex.
Other vendors R. M. & J. J. Ford 15 @ $358
15 @ $348
A. T. Squire 10 @ $342
Highest price other breeds. $340.

WAIMATE
* Market Toppers — Simbeef Steers 5 @ $465
Simbeef Heifers @ $344
Vendor: B. Hurst. (Thanet Farm)

OWAKA
* Market Toppers — Simbeef Steers 15 @ $475
16 @ $442
Simbeef Heifers 15 @ $304
Vendor: W. Leslie. Owaka.

LORNEVILLE
* Market Toppers — Simbeef Weaners (Bulls) 9 @ $395
Vendor: F. P. & W. M. Taylor, Wyndham.

TE AWAMUTU
* Market Toppers — Simbeef Weaners (Bulls) 12 @ $395
Vendor: B. B. Anderson.
(Some market Friesan weaner bulls made $270)

HERIOT
* Market Toppers — Simbeef Heifers (⅞) 5 @ $417
Vendor: K. D. Morton.
Same vendor Simbeef Steers $336

CASTLEROCK
* Market Toppers — Simbeef Steers 4 @ $428
Simbeef Heifers 6 @ $292
Vendor: W. A. Rouse, Five Rivers.
* Market Toppers — Simbeef Steers 15 @ $442
Vendor: B. Pinney, Dunrobin Station.

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2½ year Simbeef Steers 6 @ $744
1½ year Simbeef Steers 16 @ $548
1½ year Simbeef Heifers 12 @ $392
24 ½ bred cows P.T.I.C. average $658
In addition to the above cattle 10 Simmental bulls were offered in this sale and averaged $2360 with a top price of $3600.
The vendor was W. Leslie of Owaka.

SIMBEEF STEERS. CARCASE COMPETITION
GORE
Class 1. 220 kg and over.
Hoof 2nd J. B. Falconer, Kaiwara.
5th D. G. Dickie, Ferndale.
Hook 3rd J. B. Falconer.
4th A. W. & P. A. Duncan, Mossburn.

Class 2. 300kg and over.
Hoof 1st E. W. Dickie, Ferndale.
2nd M. & J. Ayson, Kuriwao.
3rd M. & J. Ayson, Kuriwao.
4th J. & C. Hurst, Silver Peak.
Hook 2nd M. & J. Ayson.
3rd M. & J. Ayson.
4th A. W. & P. A. Duncan, Mossburn.
The Champion overall was won by R. F. Townsend of Clinton with a Limousin.
In the Lightweight class 9 of the 29 entries were Simmental.
In the Heavyweight class 15 of the 28 entries were Simmental.

HAWERA. (Taranaki)

For the first time a beef Hoof and Hooks competition was staged in Taranaki in November last year. This was run in conjunction with the Egmont A & P Show and attracted approximately 60 entries. A two year old Simmental Friesian steer won the two year old class and was subsequently judged Champion carcase of the competition. It dressed out 320 kgs. The entry was put forward by Rex Brogden of Hawera, a Simmental member. Most of the entries were of traditional beef breeds.

We have heard indirectly that there has been considerable interest shown in Simmentals in the Taranaki area in the last few months.

A proud Rex Brogden (left) with works administrative staff T. H. Walker and J. Richards, inspects his champion carcase.

TE KUITI

Record price was paid for yearling Simmental cross steers at Te Kuiti in a weekly stock sale. 13 steers realised $660 and were offered by Mr H. Symons. Mr K. Clark livestock manager of Wrightson NMA said as far as he could establish the price was a record for N.Z. At the conclusion of the sale of the pen the sale gallery gave a standing ovation, a spectacle only seen previously at stud sales.

Mr H. Symons record priced yearling steers.

In November N. D. Dempster who is one of the original Simmental breeders in the Waikouaiti area (Otago) had an excellent Sale when he marketed 10 Simmental cross yearlings at $616. In the same market 3 year old traditionals sold for $705.

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Lloyd McLay's (Owaka) big steer that took second place at the Dunedin Winter Show Ox Competition last season. This photograph was unfortunately mislaid by Kodak at the time of our last printing. The steer sold for $1,300 and dressed out at 715 kgs. (1,576 lbs).

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CROSS BREEDING

Calving experience using Simmental Bulls in cross breeding — an interesting comment by a Bay of Plenty Breeder.

BACKGROUND

Vernon and Don Wills farm around 1,200 head of cattle on Motiti Island ten miles off shore in the Bay of Plenty. These include 200 conventional breed cows and a stud of 60 registered Simmental cows. However the purpose of this article is to relay our experience in the use of Simmental bulls over the conventional breed cows.

In our first year of cross breeding, we mated 60 of our largest cows. In that our calving difficulties were no different to when we used Angus and Hereford bulls, we mated all our cows in 1982 to Simmental bulls. These cows were 2nd calvers and older. Of the first 100 to calve, starting early July, 92 had successful unassisted births. Of four we assisted successfully, two had one front leg down, one was a tail first breech and one cow was lazy in labour for the 2nd and 3rd time. Four cows had unsuccessful births, two of these dropped premature dead twins, the other two failed to clean the nose of the calves immediately after birth. These figures have convinced us that the use of Simmental bulls in cross breeding is not a major contributor to calving difficulties. We used a total of three mature pure bred Bulls and four ⅞ yearling bulls as sires to those calves, so the lack of calving difficulty can also not be attributed to one particular bull. However some points should be made about farming management. As we farm only cattle we are in the position to wean our calves late. Having weaned it is our policy to farm our cows in such a way as to prevent them from being in a fat condition at calving. Once our cows have calved we separate them and put them onto autumn saved pasture. This sounds a simple enough policy but there are two problem areas. It has been our experience that those cows which calve late, and into the time where spring growth makes it hard to keep the cows off substantial feed, often have large calves, some calves have been born from these late births around 50–55 kgs. The second area of concern is in the advisability of mating one year old conventional breed heifers to Pure bred Simmental Bulls. We have mated about 50 to calve 1984 spring. If we have calving problems with them, we will go to a ½ bred bull instead of pure bred.

Time will tell.

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THE BREED CONTINUES TO EXPAND

Towards the end of last year the writer made a brief visit into the Outram/Middlemarch area west of Dunedin Airport. This area has seen spectacular development in the last twenty or so years and under the Lands and Survey the outlying areas are still being developed. Big country, rising to over two thousand feet, before development it was a sea of heavy tussock. Development has cleared vast areas which are now subdivided and in first class pasture carry heavy stocking of both sheep and cattle. With the opening up of this country, access has been greatly improved with many of the roads sealed. A few years ago Simmentals were probably unknown in the area but they are certainly a feature of the district now with some outstanding herds of commercial cross-breds. Several registered herds have been established and from these the Breed is expanding out to other properties.

The Simmental establishment in this area came basically through the efforts of Ron and Lee Sycamore of Halfway bush who have consistantly topped Burnside (Dunedin) sales with Simmental weaners and steers. Their sale results have created a demand for bulls which went into the area five or six years ago. Since then more and more have been purchased for the area, a number coming from our annual sales in Christchurch. On several properties purebred bulls were seen running with traditional cow herds.

The area being high attracts a heavy annual rainfall — also a sometimes, very cold winter with substantial snowfalls, but it is 'strong' country and the Simmentals seen obviously to thrive.

As an offshoot to what is happening in this area, a fattener, out on the plains near Dunedin Airport, is specialising in Simmental cross for the Dunedin Ox competitions. He has a number of mammoth Simmental steers in a roadside paddock and apparently obtains his base stock at weaner sales where he pays premium prices.

This area is a demonstraton of how the Breed is expanding and has resulted (initially) from the self promotion of but one breeder in the immediate area.

LATE FEES....
REGISTRATIONS

Any animal (born 1983) not registered by the 31st. JULY 1984 will be charged at double fee.

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A. W. & P. A. Duncan will offer two Beefplan recorded Bull at the South Island Simmental Sale on 14th June.

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HANDLE YOUR CATTLE

The Simmental breed is noted for its good temperament. To fully realise on this trait it is necessary for you to make a few contributions yourself. Handle your cattle quietly and get them used to you as a human being outside (or off) those mechanical conveyances now found on most farms. Feeding out in the winter is a good time to get your cattle used to you — take a little time to *walk* amongst them. Weaning time is perhaps the best time to set the pattern, handle your calves quietly and regularly. I worked for one farmer in my youth and at weaning it was a daily job to move the weaners each morning with one quiet dog even if it meant putting them through the gate and then bringing them back again (this was always done on foot) — a few days of that and a bit of hay and it was surprising how quickly they became used to you. The 600 cattle on that property (and they were not Simmentals) were extremely quiet and easy to handle. Recently I called on one of our breeders who does a tie-up of all his potential sale cattle at weaning — quite a job but he reckons it pays off even if he never leads them. His cattle were very quiet.

If by chance you get an odd animal that 'spooks' and they appear in any breed, watch it carefully and if it doesn't settle down get rid of it to the works as invariably they have a disturbing effect on their associates and are unlikely to change their habits through change of ownership.

RESIGNATIONS/ REGISTERED HERDS

We draw to the attention of members Rule 9, section (e) regarding the resignation of Herd owners. Quote: 'If a Herd owner resigns, his herd shall no longer be deemed to be registered with the Society and its registration shall be cancelled'. We shall always have a changing pattern of membership due to altered circumstances, progression of age and varying lifestyles. If a member reaches a stage where he discontinues his farming activities or no longer wishes to continue with his registration of cattle he should consider Rule 9 before he makes his resignation. Once a member resigns any registered cattle in the herd are de-registered.

In short — if you are resigning make sure you sort up your cattle and organise the transfers for sale of registered cattle before tending your resignation. You cannot sell your cattle as registered stock once you have resigned. If you have any doubts about the system we suggest you contact the office.

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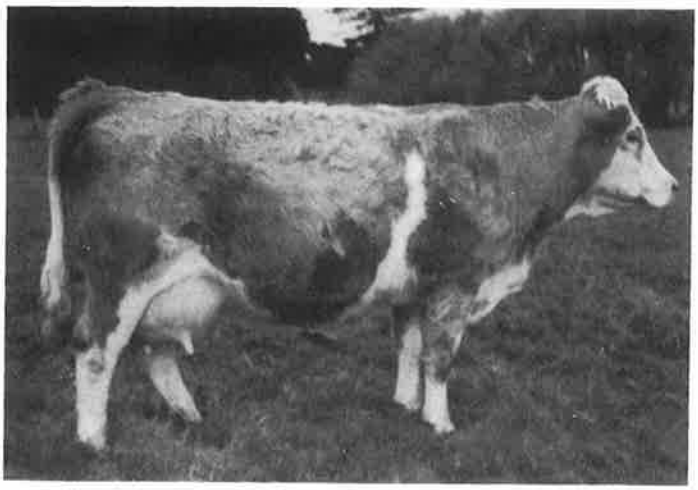
Herd 52



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Shows

SOUTHLAND SHOW

Held in December the Southland Show has become a strong centre for Southland District breeders and the Simmental Breed has become a recognised feature of the Show. In the allbreeds classes Ray Lott of Garston took second place with a heifer with calf at foot. The same animal was judged Supreme Simmental. Alister and Pam Duncan took third in the yearling heifer class and Ken Hinton was placed third in the pairs class.

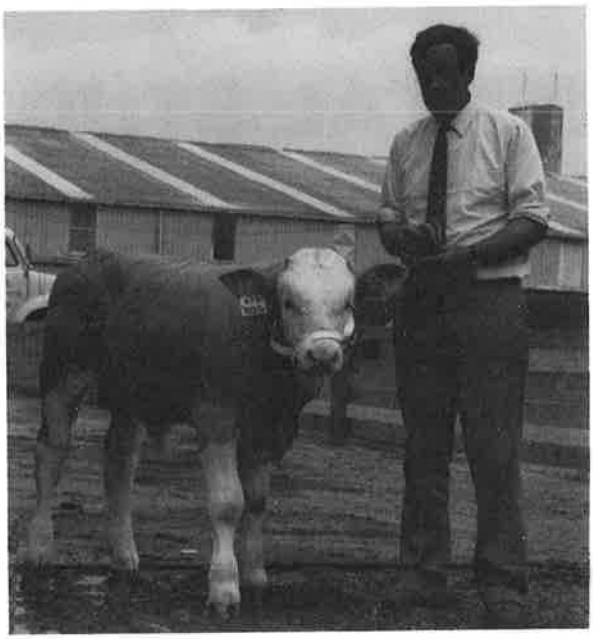
In the Simmental classes championships were as follows:

Champion Female:	R. W. Lott and Son. 'Southern Kathleen'
Reserve:	'Sunnyvale Melanie' (Lott)
Champion Male:	A. W. and P. A. Duncan. 'Centreburn Noble'
Reserve:	'Centreburn Norris'
Group:	Bull and two females. A. W. and P. A. Duncan
Two yearling heifers:	Duncan 1st. Hinton 2nd.

Mr R. J. Neas also exhibited and took a 4th in the yearling bull class and a 2nd in the 2yr heifer class.

The same vendors also took their team to the Gore Show the week previously.

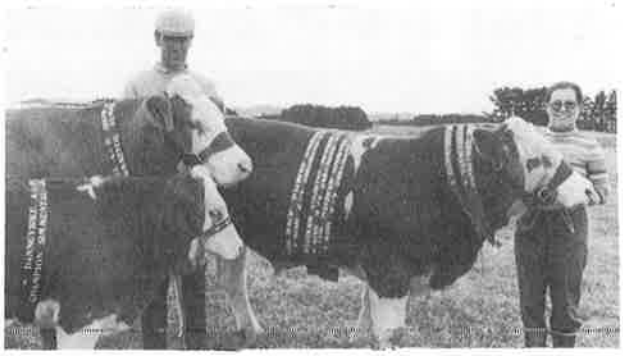
Southland is this year's venue for the N.Z. Royal Show.



Ray Lott of Garston with a very nice young bull calf at the Southland Show.

DANNEVIRKE SHOW

Three local breeders made an impressive mark at the Dannevirke Show in Central Hawkes Bay with a total of 21 Simmentals. Peter Weenink of Onga Onga was judge and each competitor had a fair share of ribbons. Tony and Glenis Thompson took seven 1sts and two 3rds, Colin Hutching one 1st, seven records and one 3rd and Harley Smyth two 1sts, two 2nds and one 3rd.



Tony and Glenis Thompson with their Show team.

Championships were won as follows:

Grand Champion Male and Supreme:	'Glen Anthony Newry' (a yearling bull) A. H. & G. M. Thompson
Reserve Junior Male:	'Brooklands Stern' C. Hutching
Champion Junior Female:	'Glen Anthony Panache' (heifer calf) A. H. & G. M. Thompson
Reserve Junior Female:	'Atrig Natalie' H. Smyth
Champion Senior Female:	'Peastons Kate' A. H. & G. M. Thompson
Reserve Senior Female:	'Glen Anthony Melody'
Grand Champion Female:	'Glen Anthony Panache' (heifer calf)

The Thompsons also won the Baemore Cup for the most points in the beef section and came second in the Meat and Wool Cup with 'Glen Anthony Newry'.

FAIRLIE SHOW

An Easter weekend Show that is well patronised in the high country of South Canterbury it has also become a regular feature for Simmentals. It is also the home ground of two well known Hereford Studs belonging to the McKerchars and the Girvans, the latter won the Supreme Champion beef animal of the Show.

Judge was Mr J. R. Sutton of Waimate.

Simmentals were judged as follows:

Cow (any age)	D. S. Crosson 1st.
Senior Bull	D. M. Elliot 1st.
Bull (under 2 yrs)	D. S. Crosson 1st and 3rd. A. T. Partridge 2nd.
Bull calf	D. S. Crosson 1st. A. Midgley 2nd.
Heifer (under 2 yrs)	D. S. Crosson 1st. A. T. Partridge 2nd.
Heifer (under 3 yrs)	D. M. Elliot 1st. D. S. Crosson 2nd.
Heifer calf	D. S. Crosson 1st and 4th. A. T. Partridge 2nd and 3rd.
Simmental Cup (under 2 yrs)	D. S. Crosson (bull).
Champion Male and Female	D. S. Crosson.

1984 SALES

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Miscellaneous

Purebred heifer 'Gurin Blizzard' by 'Landmark' from 'Maraetotara Helga'. Sold at the World Congress Sale in Sydney and purchased on behalf of Mr and Mrs P. Newman of Otorahanga (New Zealand). Bred by Kerry Lowe of Brinsley in Western New South Wales she is the first Simmental to be imported by New Zealand from Australia, reversing the flow of cattle from this country that started in early 1970's. 'Blizzard' is not truly Australian – she is in fact a half Kiwi as her dam was bred by Robin Lowry of Hastings who exported her to Australia. With the heifer is l. to r. Rupert Simpson, Manager of the Australian Association, Kerry Lowe, Ian Johnston (New Zealand) and Rod Chalmers, Stud Manager at Brinsley.

Tattooing

We remind breeders of registered cattle that it is a requirement of the Society that their cattle are tattooed. Some of the tattoos we see from time to time are not all they should be.

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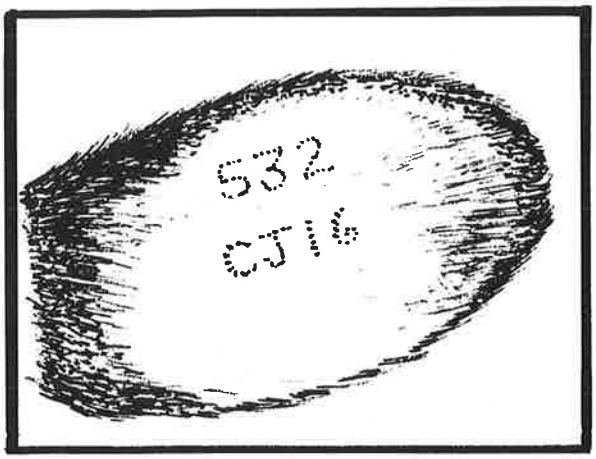

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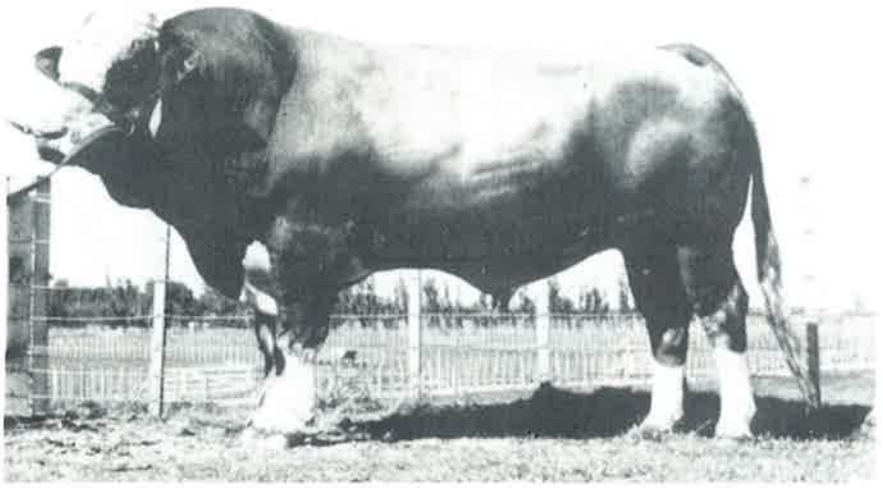

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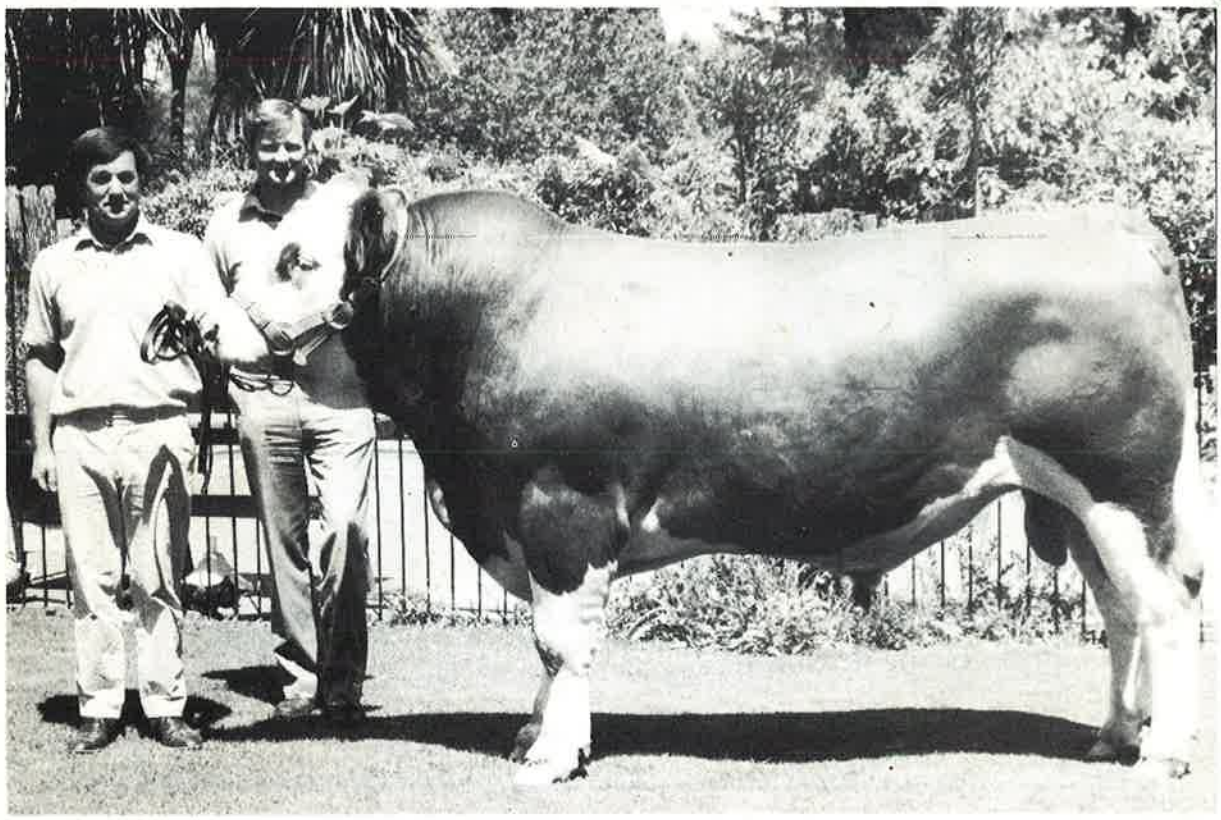

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