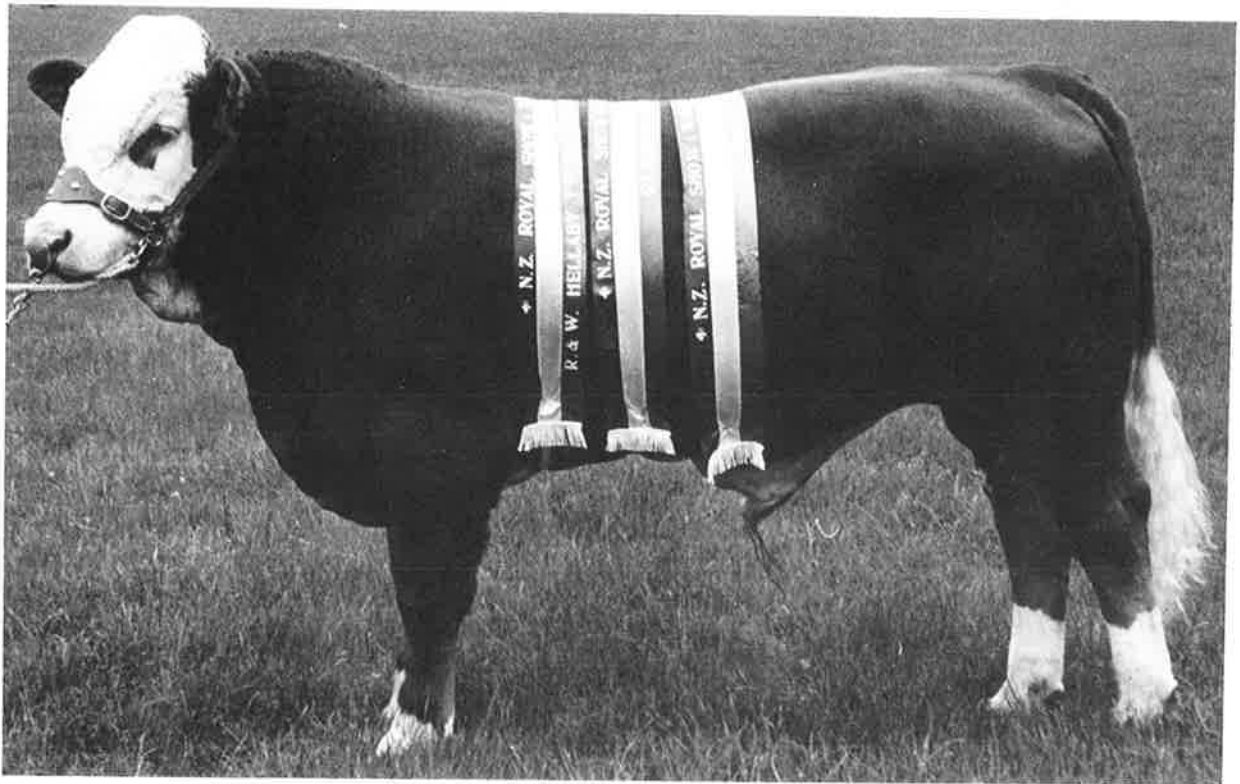


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EDITORIAL

To write something of relevance in an editorial for a rural publication at the present time is difficult indeed. A multitude of publications present different angles, philosophys and answers to our currently unhappy situation.

Perhaps the most positive thing is to *be* positive and avoid negativity. History has shown that adversity discloses unrealised strengths. We, as a Society, already have strength — in the structure and unity of our membership and the way we go about things. Our breed has strength and acceptance even in a depressed marketing situation. In the immediate future we will obviously need to maintain this situation and to be positive about it will go a long way to achieving just that.

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**Top South Island Sale 1985 with Sir Lancelot
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PRESIDENT STANDS DOWN



H. R. Lowry, known to most of us as Robin who has been President of the Society since only 1984 has, most regrettably decided due to personal commitments not to seek re-election to Council. His involvement with the Society and the breed has been intense since the foundation meeting in Christchurch in June 1971, unable to attend, he recorded an apology but joined up as a full member the following month establishing a herd on the property he then farmed out of Havelock North. In the early years he was a strong promoter of the breed in his home territory of Hawkes Bay and through his efforts he inspired others to bring the breed to the strength and acceptance that is found today. He has consistently supported all Simmental activities and has not in the fifteen years of the Society's establishment missed an Annual Meeting or a major event.

Elected to the Council in 1977 Robin has contributed vigorously to all aspects of the administration, firstly as Chairman of the Promotion Committee and latterly as President, a position he has filled with outstanding success. Of great personality, Robin is known by virtually every member of the Society as someone who was totally approachable and available. In this great enthusiasm for the breed and its promotion he has been strongly and ably supported by his wife Gill. We will miss him greatly at the Council table, the office and those Simmental occasions which he has always attended.

VISIT BY AMERICAN ADMINISTRATOR POSTPONED

We were scheduled to have a visit from Dr. Earl Peterson, Executive Officer of the American Simmental Association, in March but regrettably at the last moment he had to cancel his trip. We are, however, hopeful he will visit us early next year when some effort will be made to enable him to meet and talk to some of our members. The American Association compared to ours is enormous. Their office employs over thirty people and their registrations per annum many thousands.

NORTHERN COUNCILLOR DECLINES RE-ELECTION

After serving six years as a Councillor, Jim Houlbrooke decided that he would not seek re-election at the end of his second 3 year term. Jim's first involvement with the Society was in the establishment of his herd (No. 79), Tangetaroria between Whangarei and Dargaville where he farmed a hill country property until a few years ago. In those early days he and a few other enthusiastic people worked hard and long to get acceptance of the breed in the Northland area, a difficult task in a then, very conservative area. The strong establishment that is there today is directly the result of what he has contributed. Having sold his hill country property Jim took his herd to Waipu, where he now has a total Simmental enterprise.

As a Councillor Jim has made great contributions with untiring dedication not only round the Council table but as an inspector, Show judge and consultant on any aspect of the Society affairs. We take this opportunity of thanking he and his wife Gwen for their most worthwhile contributions.

COUNCIL ELECTIONS

1986 heralds some changes in Council with the standing down of two well known members on whom we have written elsewhere in this issue.

We welcome to Council two new faces who have been elected by postal ballot in a three candidate contest. John B. Scott of Cambridge and Lochie McLachlan of Milton (Otago).

We hope they will enjoy their time on Council and look forward to their contributions.

In such a contest there must always be someone who does not succeed and to Tony Plummer of Dannevirke we say thank you for being a candidate and that we hope you will not be deterred from standing at a later date.

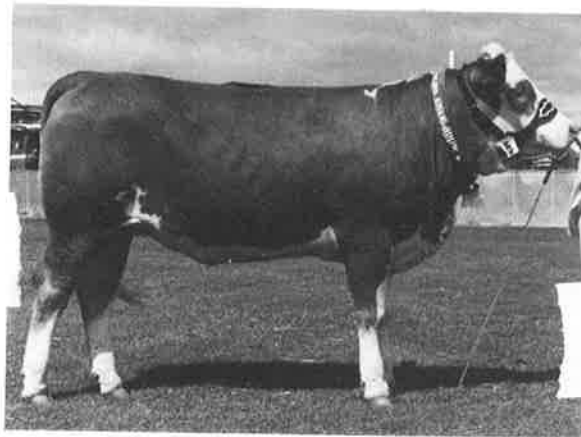
In looking through the records of our Council Elections in the past five years, we have seen six new Councillors elected, a sign of strength and interest in our membership. The introduction of new people into our administration contributes fresh thinking and a stimulus which we must have if we are to keep alive and progressive.



J. R. Houlbrooke

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Beef Plan
Breeding Index
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WELL KNOWN STUD MANAGER TAKES UP NEW ZEALAND RESIDENCE



The name, Peter McWilliam has become wellknown throughout Australia in the last ten years in the stud cattle scene. Born in the north of Scotland Peter came to Australia in 1972 with a strong background in beef cattle, his family having bred pedigree Shorthorns since the mid 1800's. After graduating with a National Diploma of Agriculture from the North of Scotland Agricultural College in 1969 Peter worked at home for a time then went to Scandanavia where he spent two years working with Norwegian Red cattle and a Charolais cross breeding programme. On his arrival in Australia he obtained a job with one of the top Victorian Hereford studs and moved progressively into the specialised stud arena. 1975 saw his first appearance at the Sydney Show where he paraded the Junior Champion Poll Hereford bull (Sydney can attract up to 400 entries in the Poll Hereford classes alone!).

In 1978 he became Studmaster for Dunmore Manilla, ex patriot Harry M. Miller's well known Simmental stud where he has remained until a few months ago. During his eight years at Dunmore this stud has become one of the most widely known Simmental studs in Australasia and has been predominant at major shows in the eastern seaboard of Australia. During this time at Dunmore he made a trip to the United Kingdom and Europe to assess breeding programmes and suitable cattle for introduction to Australia.

Under Peter's supervision Dunmore cattle have taken seventy-one Champion and Reserve awards plus nineteen Grand Championships at Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane Royal Shows. A man of active participation in what he does, he has been awarded the Australian Simmental Association's Herdsman Trophy on no less than three occasions and probably would have continued to do so but withdrew himself from further competition. He spent some years as Simmental representative on the Australian Herdsman's Association of which he became Vice-President.

A number of judging schools have been conducted by Peter in groups of agricultural students and he has lectured on show preparation and presentation of cattle on numerous occasions. Several years ago he visited New Zealand on holiday and judged at one or two of our shows.

A few years ago Harry Miller employed a polo groom from New Zealand which has had profound effect on Peter's future. He and Susan were married in (1983)? and recently decided they would settle in New Zealand

where they are setting up a Simmental Stud in the Masterton area. In conjunction with this enterprise Peter will set up a stud stock consultancy which will include Australia. Before returning to New Zealand a few weeks ago they made an extensive trip overseas visiting leading cattle studs in U.S.A., Europe and Africa.

We welcome these people to New Zealand and look forward to their contribution to our breed. Peter will judge our Simmental Classes at the Royal Show in Palmerston North in November this year.

AN APPRECIATION

Each year we receive visits from a variety of people from overseas. Some just call to say hello, others are keen to look at our Simmental scene on a chance call situation. A few set about their visits in a highly organised manner and require an itinerary to follow. One such recent visitor caused us some concern as he 'got lost' for some twenty four hours and we really started to get worried. However, he did turn up and before he left the country left the following on my desk. Its good to help people but it is truly a reward to be appreciated.

'To all my new friends in New Zealand,

I would like to thank everyone who helped to make my hurried tour of both Islands a memorable pleasure that will not be forgotten, the warm friendship and hospitality could not be bettered in any other country.

I extend an open invitation to anyone to visit and stay awhile at our Stud in South Australia any time that they may be in Australia.

Magnificent — people, cattle and country.

Thank you all.

Alan Jackway,

Stud Manager,

Tusmore Simmental Stud, Mt Compass, South Australia.'

P.S. No cricket discussions will be entered into.



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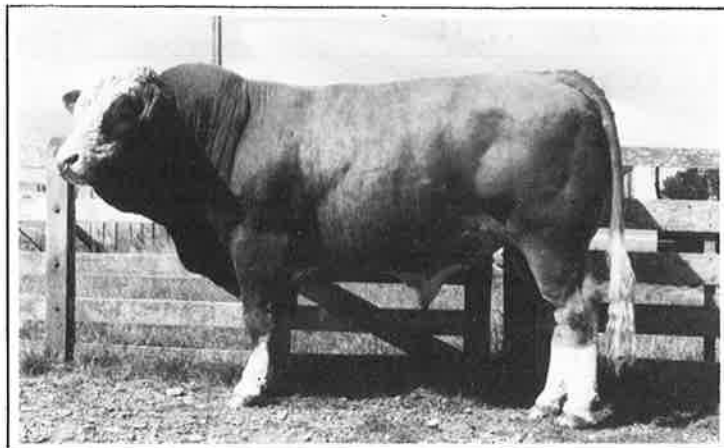
There are many and various media publications and thankfully they are generally what they say they are and genuine in their objectives. In a modern world, however, there are always a few 'grafters' and we sound a note of caution to beware of the hard sell phone approach from an unknown or 'new' or 'special' publication.

Recently such an approach was made to a number of our breeders from across the Tasman. On a check-up it was found the publication was not a recognised issue in the rural scene and had a decided 'taint' of the fast buck. Such approaches are not unknown. When you advertise make sure you know who your dealing with, if you do not, seek copy of previous issue and authentication — you are paying for it!

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This bull born 28.5.85 and weighed 600 kg on 27.2.86

AR37 AINTREE FRANCIS by HALO ex 77/AN4 by BLYTHE GARIBALDI

This bull born 7.11.85 and weighed 500 kg on 27.2.86

AR46 AINTREE CAESAR by BLYTHE GARIBALDI ex 77/BK3 by W. GOLIATH

This bull born 22.11.85 and weighed 520 kg on 27.2.86

AR32 AINTREE MAJOR by HALO ex BL7 by WINFIELD GOLIATH

This bull born 21.10.85 and weighed 530 kg on 27.2.86

ENQUIRIES TO: BERNIE COOPER HASTWELL NO 2 RD EKETAHUNA

COMPETITION WINNER RAISES TAIHAPE EYEBROWS

*Reprinted from 'Coopers Outlook on Animal Health'.
(Spring Issue 1986)*

Some farmers just naturally like the challenge of producing better stock than their neighbours . . . and some of them are quite prepared to be the first to make a calculated break with tradition if they think that will give them the edge.

One such farmer is Mr Andrew Williams of Mataroa near Taihape. Last year he became winner of the 'Ralgro' National Weaner Steer Competition . . . a success which follows wins three years in a row in the local Taihape competition.



Andrew Williams of Mataroa, Taihape: After winning the 'Ralgro' National Weaner Steer contest in 1985, he reckons he has the recipe for success.

This sort of consistent success is the result of a determination to succeed which has been evident ever since Andrew took over the family farm at age 18, following the untimely death of his father in an accident. Instead of having a manager put on the place, Andrew carried on by himself, with supervision from Ken Smith who was then the local Dalgety's manager.

The years since have, judging by today's performance, been a genuine success story.

From the original 1200 acres, the property has been enlarged to 1800 acres — providing plenty of scope for diversification for Mr and Mrs Williams and their five sons. It's basically a mixed cattle and sheep property with just under 4000 Romneys, an interesting herd of Simmental-cross cattle, almost 200 acres of pines, and 10 acres of asparagus. Barley is also cropped from time to time.

Mr Williams has "always topped the fair, or been only one away" with his cattle and sheep, and he says "I always do something to keep them up there. Always have."

That's why he went to the national sale in Palmerston North with a former Taihape manager of Dalgety Crown, Mr Gary Burke (now in Masterton) and bought a "big creamy Simmental bull". It's also the reason why he is now an enthusiastic user of 'Ralgro'.

The purchase of the big Simmental raised a few eyebrows in Taihape. "It's an area where everything has to be the same — straight black or red. I was the first person in recent years to use Simmental bulls. In earlier years they were tried, but the breed didn't get off the ground. Now others are changing."

Initially the Simmental was only tried on the straight Angus, but now Andrew puts it over "everything over 3-years-old" and he says his Simmental-cross run animals are better than those produced by some of the neighbouring traditional studs.

Problems he and some other farmers have had with older Simmental bulls "going in the legs" haven't unduly worried Andrew. The fault does not show up in the progeny, nor has it been a problem in bulls he has bred on the property.

His first Simmental bull cost \$2800, but prices have escalated, and a similar bull today would cost perhaps \$12,000. So Mr Williams, who "farms for the pocket" bought six stud Simmental cows from Te Puke and now breeds his own bulls.

Almost 30 years of practical experience has given him a keen insight into what makes good animals better: "It's what you can get down their throat helped, of course, by good management." In the end, he says, when you're running beef you should only be interested in weight and dollars in the pocket.

These days good management, in Andrew Williams' book, means giving 'Ralgro' to all steer calves.

"We weren't 'Ralgro' users when we won the first Taihape competition, but 'Ralgro' was part of the prize. Now we've been using it for two years and getting results.

"When the feed is around, 'Ralgro' really makes them grow."

After winning his first 'Ralgro' competition, Andrew Williams used the product he was given in a small on-farm trial. A mob of young steers was split — some got 'Ralgro' and the rest didn't. They were all run together.

"The 'Ralgro' treated steers won the competition for us for the second year in a row. The untreated steers were also entered but they only came fourth . . ."

The Williams property is very much a family concern, and being "top" seems to be a family characteristic. The Williams boys have brought home numerous awards for excellence in sports while Andrew Williams Senior has accumulated success after success for his quality stock.

In a public sense, a win in the 'Ralgro' National Weaner Steer Competition is the top award available to a commercial beef farmer. Certainly it's one in which Andrew Williams takes considerable pride. But in the present economic climate, his biggest reward lies in knowing that his stock are sought after by buyers who are willing to pay a premium for animals they know are well-grown and "tops" in every sense of the word.

THE WORLD CONGRESS: AGRENTINA

Final information for this event is very slow in coming forward. At time of writing we have received the final itinerary but not costs that we can utilise. Dalgety Travel are doing their best to establish contact with the Argentine and have in desperation sent requests by air for urgent costings. They, as we realise, that time is getting short for organisation. Those people with whom we have interest will be written to as soon as we get a cost factor, without which we cannot begin to think about the tour.

People

South Canterbury March Floods

The disastrous floods in South Canterbury in early March were widely reported by the media with main emphasis on Pleasant Point which was about as far as they, the media, were allowed to go because of the extremely hazardous conditions. The effect however was a great deal more widespread, creating chaos on many properties and for hundreds of individuals. Simmental breeders, Alastair and Jessica Midgley who live close to the Pareora River were one of the many who will not forget their experience. They record the event as it happened and it effected them.



Before the flood, one of the Midgley's paddocks.

For the Midgley Family the 12th of March was just another Autumn day with the odd passing shower. However, many people in South Canterbury were to experience something they will never forget during the next 24 hours, and indeed a lot longer in many cases.

At 10 p.m. on the night of 12th March the rain started to get heavy and unrelenting. Having lived by a river all my life it soon became obvious to me that we were going to have a bigger then normal flood. At 1.30 a.m. on the 13th March I drove up to the nearest bridge across the Pareora River to see if, or how much had come up. After stopping my car and shining a torch down on the river bed found that the river was still quite low but discoloured and rising. On returning to have another look at 4.30 a.m I was unable to get as far as the bridge because of water already across the access road, so quickly returned home and using a big tractor my wife and I proceeded to



The same paddock.



Tuscha Midgley, eight years on the 13th March — a birthday she is unlikely to forget.

muster all our cattle to higher ground. This could have been very difficult in the pouring rain and tractor lights, but for some reason the cattle seemed to sense that we were desperate for their co-operation, we had no difficulty getting them out of the river block on to the road, the only safe place we still had access to.

However, the cows with bull calves were in a different block and after getting them to where I thought they would be safe I went to see how my neighbours were coping. On returning a short while later found to my horror the cows and calves had been cut off by the ever rising flood water and were in danger of being trapped against a fence. I decided to drive out in the tractor with some wire cutters and cut the fence so at least they could move to higher ground, which they did. They spent the next 8 hours raging flood water on both sides of them.

By mid-day the flood had reached its peak and there was very little land on our 200 acres of river flats that was not covered with water.



The Midgley's access road to their farm.

People

When the flood water began to recede we were able to assess the full extent of the damage. Most of our fences on the flat were gone, 2 feet of water had gone through our grain in the bulk grain shed. However, we had not lost any stock and the water although very close had not gone through our house.

There were many sheep lost on the Pareora and in one instance one farm lost 700 ewes, another watched as 196 cows and calves were swept away, one forlorn little calf arriving just out from our house had been swept 12 miles down the river.

Radio reports made us realise how widespread the damage was. Pleasant Point had been evacuated, hundreds of people had water and thick mud right through their homes. Thousands of head of stock were lost. Miraculously only one man lost his life. If the peak had come during the night I believe many people would have lost their lives. Helicopters were kept constantly busy rescuing people from rooftops from Orari in the North to Hakataramea Valley in the south.

We, as many people affected by the floods feel deeply indebted to the kind offers of assistance from within and outside the district immediately after the flood.

SOME YOUNG ENTHUSIASTS

Mrs. Beth Woodhouse of Tauraroa in Northland sent in the accompanying photographs. We do not get much about our younger enthusiasts but they are there and it is nice to see some success for them with their Simmental calves.



Kathlyn Edwards with her Champion Calf at Tauraroa (Northland, 1984).

TRANSFER FORMS

Members who sell animals on a regular basis seem to have a constant hassle in obtaining Transfer Forms — they keep on requesting them. Most people now have an idea of how many cattle they will market each year and it is quite okay with us for you to ask for sufficient forms for the season. This saves 'you' having to ask for them all the time and 'us' endless and costly postage.

THE MAIL MUST GO THROUGH

At the end of the day it is a challenge to make sure you get away all those things that are 'mailable'. Recently, a large envelope was mailed to Wellington dually stamped and addressed. The next morning's mail produced an interesting situation. Back were all the documents on our desk! A little research solved the problem. If you want an envelope to go to Wellington you address it accordingly **not** to yourself!!.



Simon Bennett with his Champion Calf at Tauraroa which was also Reserve Champion at Whangarei (1985).

OHU SIMMENTALS

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SELLING 5 BULLS PALMERSTON NORTH IN JUNE INCLUDING
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KGM ROBIN, KGM RODGER, KGM ROSALIA

1st Yearling Bull	Balclutha	1st Yearling Heifer
Reserve Champion Simmental Bull		Champion Heifer
All Breeds — 1st 3 Animals by One Sire Champion Simmental Female		

KGM ROBIN, KGM ROSALIA

2nd Yearling Bull	Gore	2nd Yearling Heifer
Reserve Champion Simmental Bull		

3rd Yearling Bull	Invercargill	1st Yearling Heifer
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1st Yearling Bull	Dunedin	3rd Yearling Heifer
1st in Pairs		

KGM ROGER IS TO BE OFFERED AT THE 1986 SOUTH ISLAND SALE — CHRISTCHURCH JUNE 6TH

Our Annual Draft of 9 Rising 2 Yr. Bulls will be offered at the
 Central Otago Simmental Sale
 OMAKAU — 11th JUNE

Simbeef



Weaner Sales this season are reflecting what is happening in our total market and prices have come back considerably since last season. It is still well illustrated however that Simmental cross calves continue to show a premium as the following figures illustrate.

An analysis of a number of major sales average results make interesting reading.



	Hereford	Hereford X	Angus	Angus X	Simmental
Waipukurau	245	259	281	—	340
Dannevirke	198	210	172	—	263
Castlerock	239		234	240	303
Addington 9/4	257	359	231	287	366
Addington 16/4	217	—	221	276	301
Addington 23/4	216	—	210	212	244
Addington 30/4	—	—	222	253	273

Information received from other areas is tabulated as supplied:

TAIHAPE

Market Toppers, Simbeef Steers \$357
Vendor J. Russell, Ohingaiti.
(3rd consecutive year)

ADDINGTON

Market Toppers, Simbeef Steers \$402
Vendors, O.J. Osborne, P.D. Hastings
(10th consecutive year for Mr. Osborne)

CASTLEROCK (3/4)

Market Toppers, Simbeef Steers \$325
Vendor, J.P. McPherson

LORNEVILLE

Market Toppers, Simbeef Steers \$260
Vendor, R.J. Palmer, , Dipton

CASTLEROCK (25/4)

Market Toppers, Simbeef Steers \$300
Vendor, Glen Nevis Partnership, Kingston

CASTLEROCK (18/4)

Market Toppers, Simbeef Steers \$280
Vendor, J.H. & I.F. Hamilton, Five Rivers

FIELDING

Market Toppers, Simbeef Steers \$300
Vendor, J. McBeth, Palmerston North

TE PUKE (24/3)

Market Toppers, Simbeef Steers \$462
Vendor, S. Rosena

CROMWELL (16/4)

Market Toppers, Simbeef Steers \$316
Vendor, Lucas, Bendigo

TAIHAPE

Market Toppers, Simbeef Steers \$307
Vendor, Andrew Williams

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OWAKA

Market Toppers, Simbeef Steers \$405
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Heifers \$365
Vendor, W. Leslie, Owaka

DANNEVIRKE BEEF COMPETITION

This event held in conjunction with the Show saw good results for Simmental cross cattle. In the 'hoof' section out of the top twelve selected no less than eight were Simmental. H. J. & E. R. Smyth of Atrig Station took 2nd and 3rd and other commercial breeders took the other Simmental positions.

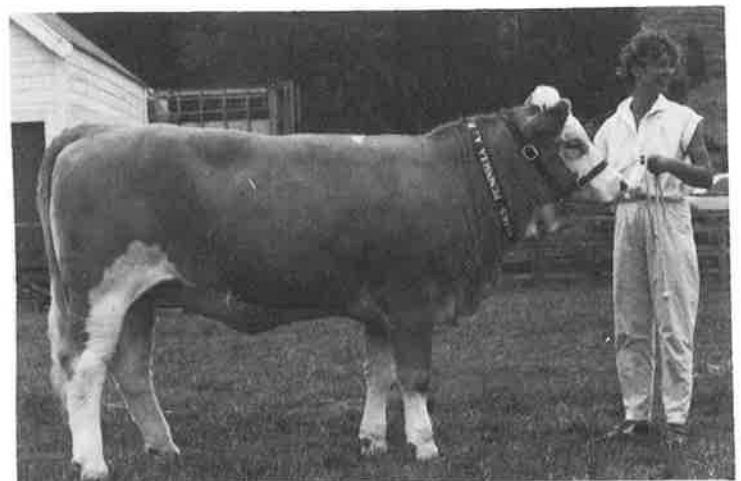
On the 'hooks' the Smyth's retain the same position with second and third and Simmental cross also took 4th, 5th and 6th places.

The outright winner of the competition was Maisie Grant of Mangatoro with a Limousin/Angus cross who has in past competitions entered Simmental cross with success.

A.I. SIRE LIST

'RISINGHOLME NAPOLEON 131/AN10 17000048N
by LEVELS KUWAIT (Bavarian S.V.)
from HASELOR DAINITY (IMP)
OWNER: G.M. Bain - AGENT: Guthreys

'EXCELSIOR' (Polled)
by EXTRA (U.K.)
from a UELI/SCOTTISH HOPE Dam
OWNER: West Australia
AGENT: Guthreys

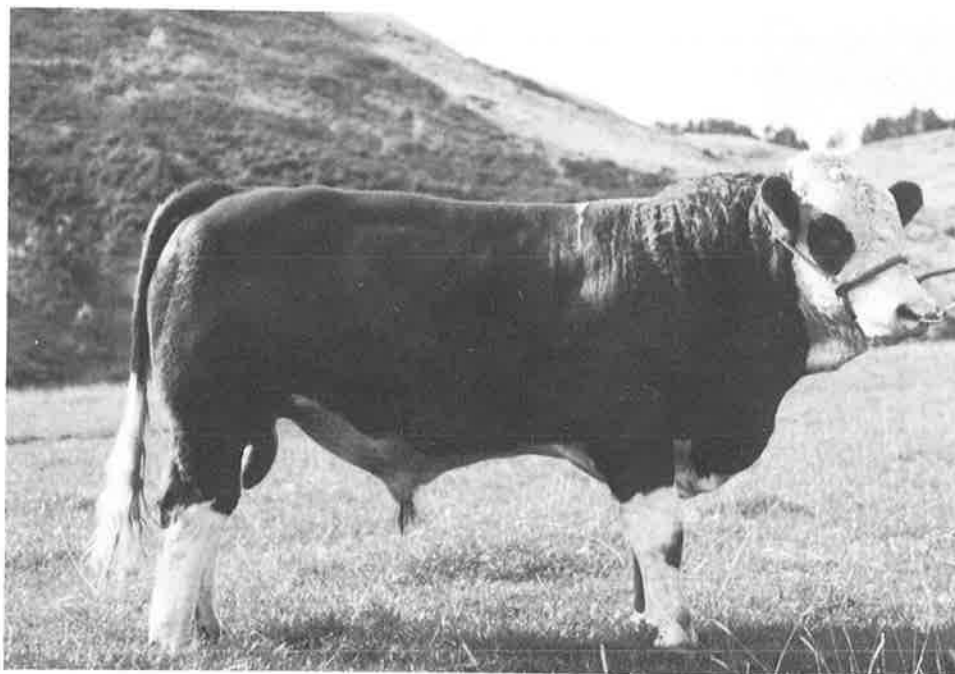


All Breeds Champion yearling heifer exhibited by David and Judy Mattheson at the Canterbury Show, 1985.

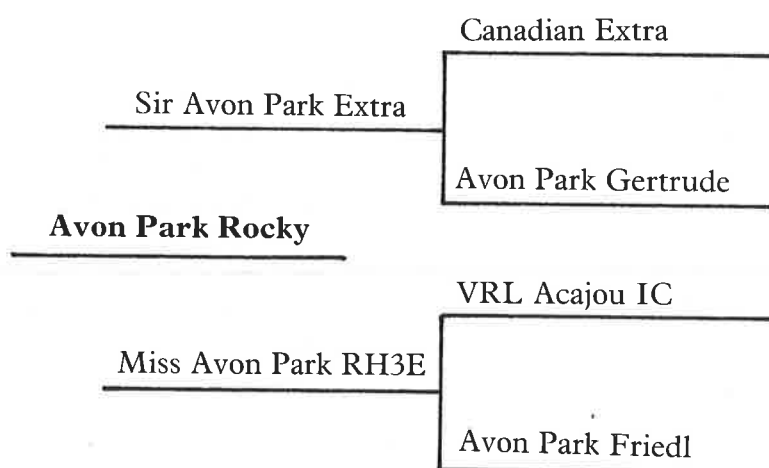
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Avon Park Sir

FOR SALE ~ CHRISTCHURCH 5th JUNE



ROCKY



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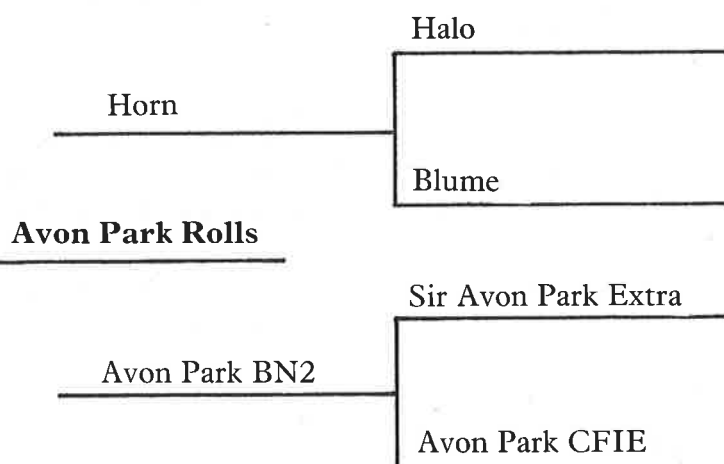
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FOR SALE ~ CHRISTCHURCH 5th JUNE



ROLLS



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INDA CARTER,

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The bulls are by **SILVERMOYLE NEHEMIAH** and **SILVERMOYLE NOAH**, both outstanding polled sons of **COHAN POLONIUS**, also by **SILVERMOYLE MAY POLE** and **ASHLEIGH NOAH** both polled sons of **ARGOS**.

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Technical

TECHNICAL FIELD DAY IN CANTERBURY



Last year the Socety sponsored a technical day in the Te Awamutu area of the North Island, which proved to be something the membership obviously wanted. As a result of the success of this day a similar event was planned for Canterbury, 1986.

Initially it was planned to hold the day on a breeder's property but this proved impractical and the Selling Centre at the Canterbury Showgrounds was chosen which proved to be an excellent venue giving undercover facilities and space hard to obtain on most properties. The Canterbury Simmental Club and its members gave of their time and muscle to set up what was a very well organised day.

Starting at mid-day the event was attended by over a hundred people from all over the South Island with a full contingent of Councillors in attendance. The first sector of the day was held in a lecture situation with an opening address and welcome from President Robin Lowry, followed by the showing of the slide collection 'The Cutability of Beef Cattle', by Jim Houlbrooke and Don Graham and an illustrated presentation of performance recording by the M.A.F. Beefplan Officer, Peter Packard of Auckland. The gathering then broke into 'workshop' groups to attend the six separate projects presented. Workshops were run and presented as follows:-

Show and Sales Preparation: David and Melinda Carter demonstrated handling, grooming and preparation with one of their stud heifers.

General Assessment: Oakleigh Osborne and Don Graham spoke and illustrated attributes and points on confirmation, type of animals and the breed.

Tattooing, Dehorning and Weighing: John Absolom, Tony Partridge and Dave Clarkson gave demonstration of the techniques of their subjects.

Productivity: Peter Packard emphasised those points he presented on performance recording with live animals.

Veterinary Topics: David Matheson, a member and veterinarian spoke on such matters as synchronisation of mating, A. I. and topics in relation to veterinary work in cattle.

Computer: Paul Harper of Beefplan in Wellington demonstrated computer techniques and 'on line' transmission to the Wellington computer centre.

Each workshop ran for approximately twenty minutes followed by question time before moving to the next session. The organisation and presentation of each sector was extremely well done and proved of interest to all who attended.

After an afternoon tea break an address was given by Mr. R. Trounce, General Manager of C. S. Stevens, a local Canterbury Meat Company. His address was not so much the current situation (which is known anyway) but on future plans and ideas, main theme being all year round production as opposed to the current 'annual' kill.

The day concluded with an excellent social hour and barbecue provided by long time friends of the Society, Eric and Maureen Hunter who in past years have been host for our A.G.M. dinners at the Avon Motor Lodge in Christchurch.

This type of field day provides not only sound basic information but furnishes an opportunity for members to get together and share experience and knowledge in a situation that other gatherings just do not allow.

Those who organised and provided the lectures and cattle are to be congratulated and thanked for a highly successful day.



Guest speakers:- Left to right
Peter Packard, Bob Trounce and Paul Harper.

PROMOTIONAL ADVERTISING

This year we have taken a new 'tack' on our major advertising promotion and by the time this issue is in your hands we hope you will have seen our major promotion in 'Straight Furrow'. What we have aimed at is the bull market as primary projection, with, we hope, a good impact. 'Straight Furrow' are also backing our advertisements with editorial on the facts and results of cross breeding. We have advertised in three issues, 7th May, 21st May and 4th June.

We will be grateful for any comments in due course.

Miscellaneous

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OBITUARY

We are sorry indeed to record the loss of one of our original members of the Society in a fatal road accident in March. Hugh Royds Irving of Wairaki Station, Western Southland was an inaugural member and in the ballot for the first ten herd numbers of the Society's establishment drew Herd No. 1 'Southern', which became widely known in both this country and Australia. Wairaki became one of the first and largest embryo transfer centres in New Zealand and in the boom cattle years the property had in residence what must have been the largest assembly of different breeds of cattle anywhere south of the equator. Literally hundreds of progeny including a high proportion of Simmentals were exported to Australia from Wairaki.

Hugh Irving's involvement with the Society was intense for a number of years and he served as a Councillor from 1972 (first Council) until 1976. With the curtailment of the embryo transplant boom the Wairaki centre closed down and the only two breeds of cattle to remain on the property were Simmentals and Herefords. 'Herd one' has continued and we were pleased to learn will go on under the estate management.

Hugh Irving's passing is not only a loss to our membership but to the livestock industry as a whole. A progressive farmer, he was deeply interested in performance recording of all stock and was one of the original users of Sheep plan with a highly successful Romney flock.

To his widow and children we record our condolences.

SLOANE SIMMENTALS

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Females also available
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ALL ALONE IN A STRANGE WORLD

The bull buyer unless he is buying commercially usually limits his purchases to one or sometimes two bulls. His transactions are completed either on farm or at auction. Having made his purchase he then arranges transport to his property, a simple and every day situation — for him.

Most times little thought is given to the animal in question. He is yarded and persuaded (or hassled) onto the waiting transport. In most cases he has never been on a truck before (maybe he has, once, to the auction ring). The trauma of his truck ride is in itself disturbing. On arrival at his destination he is most times, dispatched without ceremony down the ramp into empty yards he has never seen before, full of strange cattle smells with maybe an unfamiliar human 'gorking' at him through the rails. By this time even the most placid animal will show some signs of agitation. The next logical move is then to let him out of the yards into a strange paddock. Watching with some interest could be a resident group of cattle maybe a couple of paddocks away. Badly in need of company of his own kind he decides to join them, and quickly. A couple of smashed fences later he is safe (in the meantime) with a disappointed purchaser cursing these b..... uncontrolled cattle!

What is a hypothetical situation is regrettably oft-times true.

Think about it. Generally an animal is raised on his home property with his mates and only leaves it when sold. It is but a simple matter to organise things differently.

Be at the yards (or organise someone else) when your purchase arrives. Run in a few quiet animals to meet him in the yards and when he is off the truck toss in a bit of hay and leave them to get to know each other for a while and settle down — there is safety and security in numbers even in the animal world. Most cattle with few exceptions only get stirred up on their own when frightened and in strange surroundings.

POSTAGE — POSTAL RATES/UNDERPAID ITEMS

We mentioned in one of our recent magazines that we get odd mail 'underpaid' (e.g. a 30c envelope with 25c on it). This is held by the Post Office and we have to pay the full fee *again*.

This has cost us on a quick calculation \$40 in the past twelve months — over 100 items at 30c, not satisfactory at all!

With the recent increase in postage the matter is going to be increasingly costly if members are not more careful. If the trend continues we will re-charge the offenders plus the cost of the allied bookwork.

On the question of mailing and economics, some, people are already showing enterprise. When they get their mail, particularly larger envelopes, they open them carefully and 're-cycle' them for return mailing. A packet of small self adhesive labels allows re-addressing and very rapidly saves the cost of new envelopes. While you are at it get yourself a good role of tape in a dispenser — it is surprising the number of articles that arrive with burst seals, particularly with things like Calf Entry Sheets and items of volume.

SALES 1986

Already we have had a few Sales, earlier this year than previously. Robin Lowry and Les Fredsberg from the Hastings area both held dispersal Sales early in April at Stortford Lodge.

Both these Sales were very satisfactory and realised a good return. Robin Lowry averaged \$2,200 for twenty-two lots with a top price of \$4,400 for the well known matron of our breed 'Irish Empress', who although showing her years was keenly sought after. Her buyer was from Australia, Tusmore Simmentals, but she will not face the trauma of crossing the Tasman at her age and will remain in Hawkes Bay where it is hoped she will continue to produce her excellent progeny, mainly by non surgical transplant.

Young stock sold particularly well at Robin's Sale and an Empress daughter (her only one) sold at a price close to 'mother' at \$4,200. The Department of Lands & Survey were strong buyers at a very well attended Sale. Cattle from this herd were dispersed virtually all over New Zealand.

Following Robin's Sale the 'Poi' herd was offered on account of Les Fredsberg, who was an early Society member (Herd 31). Mr. Fredsberg in his seventies is returning from active farming and the appearance of his cattle was the first time they had been seen by other than a handful of people in the sixteen years he has been breeding Simmentals. The quality of the offering was excellent and reflected excellent stockmanship and a heavy and disciplined culling programme of many years. An average of over \$2,200 for thirty-nine lots which include a number of seven-eighth cattle, one of which with a heifer calf topped the sale at \$5,500. In the catalogue were two remarkable half-breds — one thirteen years old (1973) with a heifer at foot realised \$1,300 and the other cow born 1978 with a bull calf at foot made a staggering \$2,600! Again buyers from this Sale were widespread.

A third Sale was held the following week in Hamilton when J. Hammonds of Rotomara held his second annual Sale. In this catalogue were also five females on account of D. W. Goodrick of Hamilton. Average for the twenty lots sold was \$1,257 which was not spectacular but the cattle were reported to be of reasonable average quality only. The top price for one of five bulls offered was \$1,500 while the top female price was \$2,100. Most of the offering was taken up by Waikato buyers with a few going to the Taihape area.

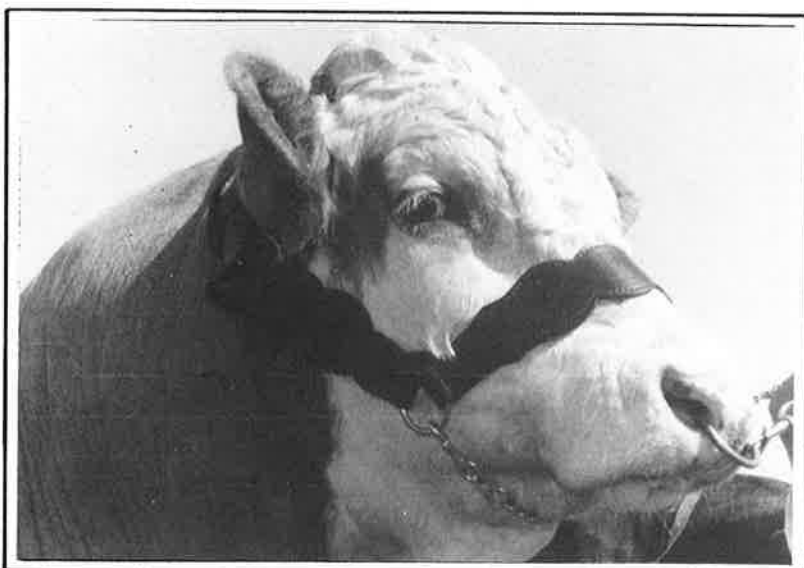
In addition to our two major Sales (Christchurch and Palmerston North) some ten or eleven area and private Sales will be held this season. Prices will no doubt be retarded comparative to 1985 but this is to be expected in the present farming climate.

TATTOO SEQUENCE — YEAR LETTER

People often ask for the 'next' tattoos sequence. In each issue of the magazine we print what is required but some do not seem to see it. We hope they see it all this time!!

1988 = X	1985 = T
1989 = Y	1986 = U
1990 = Z	1987 = W

PINELEE SIMMENTALS



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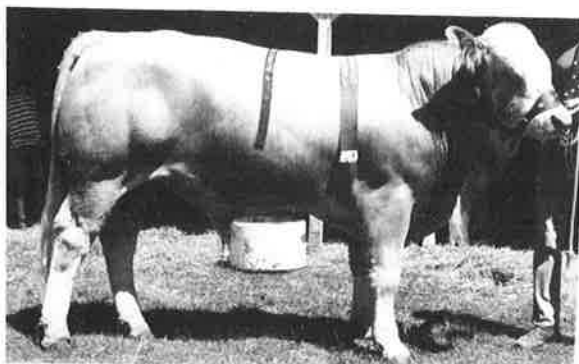
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**Son of the top Blyth Downs
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Club News

CANTERBURY/ WESTLAND SIMMENTAL CLUB

(A contribution by Ian Reed)

What a change it is to wander through lush pasture containing sleek contented cattle this autumn after the bad drought in Canterbury last year, and while there may be some satisfaction selling one steer for as much as fifty lambs the beef price is disappointing with cow beef in America failing to reach \$1/pound at some stage before March. Looking on the bright side this means there is room for a substantial rise in the U.S.A. and if our dollar drops the outlook is very bright.

The Technical Field Day on the 20th March was a great success with over one hundred people attending. With Council having a big part in organizing the day it was run very smoothly and professionally with much of the credit going to David and Melinda Carter and Tony Partridge for the cattle they provided and the work they put in along with Neil Oliver, Peter Sibley and Ian Johnstone. The Canterbury Showgrounds as a venue was excellent particularly as all the facilities were adjacent and the weather was unsettled. The choice of Bob Trounce from C. S. Stevens to give the final address was most timely, given the unsettled situation in the freezing industry and he had to field some fairly curly questions to which many of the answers he gave would have done a politician proud. The raffle the club ran was a success netting the club \$65 and the winners were

Perhaps the next project we can look to organizing is a Commercial Field Day. In the meantime the next event on the Calender is the South Island Bull Sale

on the 5th June at the Showgrounds. Following that we have at last had confirmation of August 21st as the date for the inaugural North Canterbury Commercial Bull Sale. While this date may seem late to some we had considerable difficulty even getting a date and we are assured that commercial buyers, especially dairy farmers are not keen on buying a bull too early and many would prefer an even later date.

For the future we will be celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the club this year probably around the Christchurch Show. The inaugural meeting was the 9th September, 1976.

WAIKATO CLUB

The Club recently held its Annual Meeting and John Scott was re-elected President with Gilbert Pearce as Vice-President and John Arbon Secretary/Treasurer.

The Club also had a field day on Ponui Island (Auckland Gulf) the property of the Chamberlain family. Some Northland members joined in and met at Kawa Kawa where the Chamberlains have a small property where some two year old bulls were seen and some heifers. The trip to Ponui was made by barge and a picnic lunch was held in beautiful surroundings after which a tour was made round the cattle and the Island. Ponui is apparently an idyllic place and full of interest. The Chamberlains have farmed it for several generations and as well as their Simmentals they have an interesting assembly of donkeys, which are unique in that their breeding is unchanged since their introduction to the Island nearly a hundred years ago. A number of these intelligent little animals have found their way into Simmental herds as 'lead marshalls' for teaching reluctant animals their manners.

Coopertal Simmental Stud

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CHAMPION HEIFER 1985 ROYAL SHOW. RESERVE CHAMPION FEMALE 1985 ROYAL SHOW

CHAMPION SIMMENTAL TE KUITI 1986. JUNIOR INTERBREED CHAMPION TE KUITI 1986
CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS TE KUITI 1986

Selection of Genuine Females for Sale

Contact Neil & Derrien Barnett Phone 820 Pukeatua

Shows

THE AUTUMN SHOWS

With the continuing establishment of the breed in all areas participation in the Show arena continues to expand and there are now not many Shows where Simmentals have not been exhibited. The major Shows are in the spring but a number of provincial Shows are autumn events.

A brief record of reported successes follows:

DUNEDIN SHOW (1st year of showing)

Bull over 2 years

G. Bain, Outram 1st and Champion — All Breeds
Champion Male



Graham Bain with his Champion Bull

G. Paisley (Clydevale) 2nd
L. McLachlan (Milton) 3rd

Bull (Yearling)

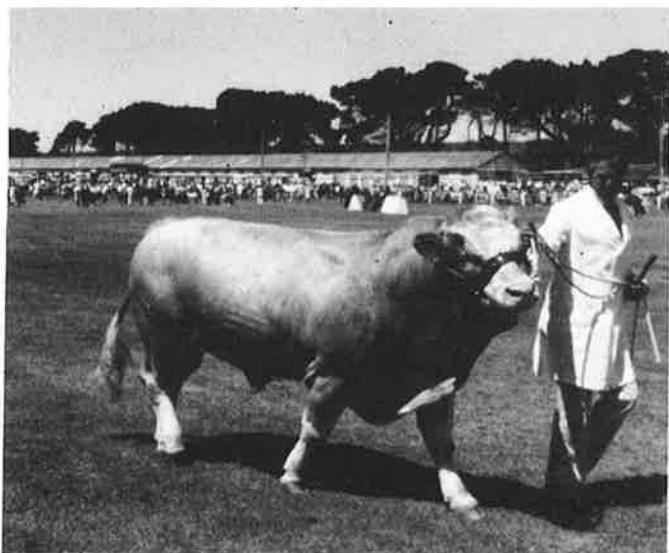
K. Hinton (Alexandra) 1st
G. Bain (Outram) 2nd

Heifer (Yearling)

C. B. Hellyer (Dunedin) 1st & Champion
G. Bain (Outram) 2nd
K. Hinton 3rd

Bull/Heifer Pair

K. Hinton
G. Bain



Lachie McGlachlan in the parade.

BALCLUTHA SHOW (1st year of Showing)

Bull over 2 years

G. Paisley 1st and Champion 2nd Meat & Wool Cup.
L. McLay (Owaka) 2nd

Bull (Yearling)

K. Hinton 1st
G. Bain 2nd and 3rd

Heifer (Yearling)

K. Hinton 1st

Sire Progeny Group (3) All Breeds

K. Hinton

DANNEVIRKE SHOW (Judge Mr P. D. Copper, Napier)

Bull 3 years

A. B. Perry

Bull 2 years

C. Hutching

Bull (Yearling)

T. J. Murphy 1st
A. H. & G. M. Thompson 2nd & 3rd

Bull Calf

A. H. & G. M. Thompson 1st & 2nd
A. B. & P. R. Maxwell 3rd

Cow 3 years

A. H. & G. M. Thompson 1st & 2nd
T. J. Murphy 3rd

Heifer 2 years

A. H. & G. M. Thompson 1st
H. J. & E. R. Smyth 2nd

Heifer Yearling

A. B. Perry 1st
A. H. & G. M. Thompson 2nd
H. J. & E. R. Smyth 3rd

Heifer Calf

A. H. & G. M. Thompson 1st and 2nd
A. B. Perry 3rd

Pair Heifers

A. H. & T. M. Thompson 1st
H. J. & E. R. Smyth 2nd

Bull/Heifer Pair

A. H. & G. M. Thompson

Bull and 3 females

A. H. & G. M. Thompson

Progeny Class

A. H. & G. M. Thompson 1st
H. J. & E. R. Smyth 2nd

Champion Bull & Supreme: A. B. Perry

Junior Champion Heifer: A. B. Perry

Champion & Reserve Champion Cow: A. H. & G. M. Thompson

Junior Champion & Reserve Champion Bull: A. H. & G. M. Thompson

Reserve Champion Bull: C. Hutching

Shows

AUCKLAND EASTER SHOW

J. R. Houlbrooke of Northland took top honours winning the Supreme Championship with his bull which was also 2nd in the Meat & Wool Cup to the 1985 Royal Show winner. He also took Champion Female award in the Simmental Classes.

McKENZIE EASTER SHOW (Fairlie, South Island)

Only five competitors took part in the Simmental classes this year following the disastrous floods in South Canterbury but they presented a very good line up with resounding success. D. S. Crosson of Timaru won the All Breeds Champion of the Show with his excellent cow 'Risingholme Laura'. The McKenzie Show is a strong beef show with some of the top South Island Hereford breeders as local competitors. Other Simmental exhibitors were: A. & L. Partridge, G. Habberjam, R. Caird and D. & M. Carter.

WAIKATO CLUB ANNUAL SHOW

Held at Cambridge this 'private' Simmental Show attracted twenty-seven entries, resulting surprisingly in only three classes. Judge was Alastair Miln of Ohingaiti.

Heifer Calf (12 entries)

Mrs J. Arbon 1st
Mrs L. McNaughton 2nd
J. Marshall 3rd

Bull Calf (12 entries)

G. Pearce 1st
W. Eccles 2nd
W. Eccles 3rd (This entry was note-worthy not only an excellent calf but black!)

Yearling Bull

Mrs S. Aukaha 1st
J. Marshall 2nd
A. T. Rolley 3rd

Champion Female: Mrs J. Arbon

Champion Male and Supreme: Mrs S. Aukaha

Junior Herdsman Award: Mary Ann Leaf (Bay of Plenty)

PAHIATUA SHOW (1st year of showing)

A. B. & P. R. Maxwell 1st
H. J. & E. R. Smyth 2nd

Bull (Yearling)

A. H. & G. M. Thompson

Bull (2 years)

A. B. & P. R. Maxwell

Champion Female: H. J. & E. R. Smyth

Champion Bull and Simmental: A. H. & G. M. Thompson

All Breeds Classes

Bull (Yearling 6 entries) A. H. & G. M. Thompson

Heifer (Yearling 4 entries) A. B. & P. R. Maxwell

Meat & Wool Cup: A. H. & G. M. Thompson (2nd)

TOKAWEKA SIMMENTALS

Herd 79



TOKAWEKA RASCALLION

ROYAL SHOW: Winner of Coopental Trophy Simmental

N.Z. EASTER SHOW: Supreme Champion Simmental
Champion All Breed Ylg. Bull
2nd in Meat & Wool Cup

RASCALLION'S dam produced our top priced bull last year — \$11,800

His sire is SCOTTISH STRIKER, a bull I personally inspected and regard highly.

RASCALLION weighed in at the Easter Show at 838 kg.

With a breeding index of 80.2, ranked 1/40, excellent conformation, pigmented eyes, and a bomb-proof temperament, he must be a top stud prospect.

RASCALLION will be offer for sale at Palmerston North

TOKAWEKA ANNUAL SALE KAURI SALEYARDS JUNE 24TH 1986

On offer: 24 2 yr Bulls

Approx. half polled

Several stud prospects

6 2 yr Heifers

4 Mature Cows

All Females in Calf

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A Contributed Article

IMPORTANT IMPORTATION OF NORTH AMERICAN SIMMENTAL EMBRYO TO NEW ZEALAND

Imagination, contact, confidence in people, courage, patience and capital are all very important requirements when negotiating and acquiring the very best of genetic material for international export says Tim Russell, NZ Manager, Wrightson Stud Stock Division.

It was during April 1984 that Tim met Wilf Davies of Bar 5 Simmental Stock Farms, Brandon, Manitoba, Canada. They met in Christchurch, and that meeting was the commencement of a contact that together effected the first and largest importation of Simmental embryo from Canada to Australasia.

During May of the same year I visited U.S.A. and Canada, together with Guy Sargent, the Principal of Dalstud Embryo Transplant Centre, Opiki, Palmerston North. One of my priorities on that trip was to visit various Simmental Studs and principally the Bar 5 Simmental Stud Herd, which I found to be outstanding. 350 full blooded Simmental breeding cows are the basis of the herd, which was established 17 years ago. The sires used at Bar 5 were also most impressive, and are exclusive to that herd. What impressed me most was that this herd survived and thrived on a grass economy and range conditions. The female cattle I saw, including the incomiong heifers, and we saw them all together with Wilf Davies, were structurally sound, volume cattle showing considerable fertility and milking ability. My thoughts were, if we were to import Simmental embryo into New Zealand, then this was the base from which to acquire such material. We discussed such a possibility with Wilf and worked on logistics and costs. Having done that I returned to New Zealand and gave the project much further thought.



BAR 5 MS BEST		BORN	1. 3. 80
S. CET GALANT BEST 10F		GALANT	
		CET TINDA 1B	
D. R.F.G. BELLA 20D		SYLVAIN	
		AUERELLEUSE	

July of the same year saw me back in Canada and at Bar 5 to make selection of 15 donor females selected from the entire Bar 5 herd, and to finalise the contract of purchase.

Perry Wilkes of Western Breeders Services Ltd, Calgary, Canada, with whom we had been associated from the commencement of this project, was of considerable assistance.

Having selected the donor females, we then had to establish the mating programme for embryo production and selected mating sires from those available at Bar 5.

Quarantine at Western Breeders, Calgary, commenced during August 1984 and ran through to May 1985. During this time the cattle were subjected to health tests as required for entry into New Zealand. So as to be assured of embryo quality and continuity of production and placement, Dr Eddie Dixon of Dalstud Embryo Transplant Centre, Opiki visited Western Breeders on three occasions, November 1984, January and April 1985, to flush and freeze embryo produced. After embryo production at Western Breeders, the females returned to the Bar 5 herd.

Finally the frozen embryo arrived in New Zealand during July 1985, and were transplanted into Simmental females provided by John and Star Absolom at their well known stud "Rissington" Hawkes Bay during October and November 1985.

Once again, Eddie Dixon of Dalstud did the thawing and transplantation of the 106 frozen embryo implanted. John and his staff at Rissington synchronized and heat detected the recipient cows. Since transplantation at Rissington, the recipients have been preg tested and 60 head are proven to be in calf. This importation will afford New Zealand Simmental Breeders the opportunity in the foreseeable future to acquire new genetic material into their herds, and per medium of this initial importation, widen the genetic base of the breed in New Zealand, and indeed in Australia. In doing so, they will be introducing some of the very best Simmental strains of North America from one of the leading stud herds of the breed in the world. It is significant to note that the selection of females and sires from Bar 5 represent a cross section of blood lines within the Bar 5 herd.

POLLED MOLLY 154M		BORN	19. 3. 80
S. POLARIS		HGR TETU 011B	
		ATOMS FLOWER 39F	
D. FAY		GEMINI	
		RESEITA 104D	

A Contributed Article (Continued)

Bar 5 annual sale results for the five year period leading up to the time of selection of the donor cattle are as follows:

1980

50 Bulls — Ave NZ\$6717
56 Females — Ave NZ\$8581 106 gross T/O
NZ\$16,432

1981

57½ Bulls — NZ\$8142
47 Females — Ave NZ\$12,684 104½ gross T/O
NZ\$1,062,421

1982

62 Bulls — Ave NZ\$7771
42 Females — Ave NZ\$12,310 104 gross T/O
NZ\$998,809

1983

75 Bulls — Ave NZ\$7830
51 Females — Ave NZ\$9,417 126 gross T/O
NZ\$1,067,498

1984

93 2/3 Bulls — Ave NZ\$6386
35 Females — Ave NZ\$11,411 128 2/3 gross T/O
NZ\$1,004,073

These total take home dollars are used to operate and improve the 3,200 acre ranch, the Bar 5 Simmental cow herd and bull battery. Bar 5 express that such a programme is required to build and even better practical and profitable beef production product for their customers and the beef industry of Canada and the United States in which they have much confidence.

Beef cattle, with their unique ruminant digestive system, are an essential part of the total utilization of land. Their unique function lies in their ability to convert unusable cellulose from either by-products of grain crops or natural forage from land unsuitable for grain production into a highly nutritious and desirable product, beef. With long range planning, Bar 5 is combining these two elements — the land and the cattle, to meet the challenge of the 1980's. Their success has been due to the balance of careful investment between land base and the Simmental herd, while the



MISS SHAWEST 21R		BORN	20. 1.83.
S. SHAWEST BIG MAC		DUVAL	
		FRIPONNE	
D. MISS GALANT 7H		GALANT	
		T.P.L. ROSETTE	

cattle are the vehicle which created and sustained the long term investment in the land base. The land, and its potential, adds economic stability on which to grow and expand.

With a sincere interest in the Simmental breed, they have strived to improve the quality and performance of their cattle. Further, through the participation at all the major shows and sales across North America, Bar 5 has gained recognition as a leader in the Simmental industry, and backs that promotion with the finest of breeding stock for its customers.

I too, am confident that these cattle will develop and make a very meaningful, practical and profitable contribution to the breed and beef production in New Zealand. It has been my privilege to have been associated with all those who have made their contribution towards introducing these new strains of Simmental cattle into New Zealand, and we all await the arrival of the calves at "Rissington" during August 1986 with confidence.

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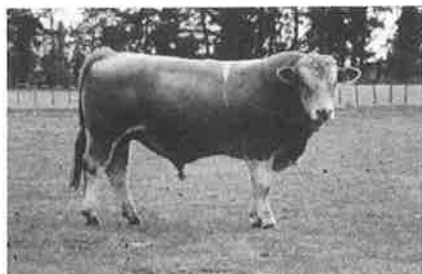
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80 Performance Recorded Bulls (grass & hay fed only)
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AR 398 by S.V. BAVARIAN



LOT 6 RISSINGTON AR 448
by BEAT



LOT 3 RISSINGTON AT 531E
by BAR 5 DIGNIFIED



LOT 4 RISSINGTON AT 532E
by BAR 5 DIGNIFIED



LOT 5 RISSINGTON AT 526E
by BAR 5 DIGNIFIED



LOT 7 RISSINGTON AR 393
by BEAT



LOT 9 RISSINGTON AR 502
by RISSINGTON NEPTUNE



LOT 11 RISSINGTON AR 472
by SIEGFRIED

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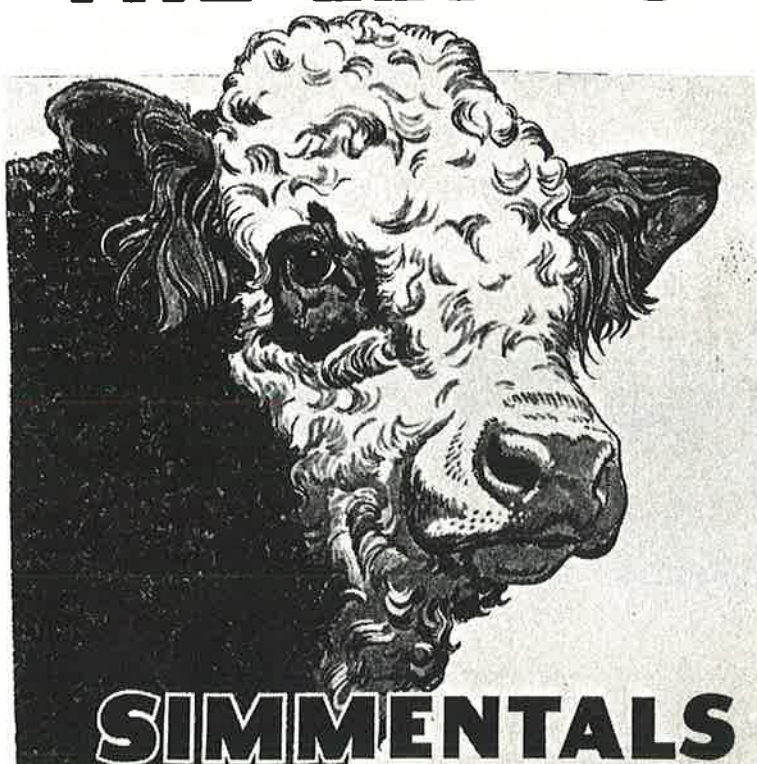
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