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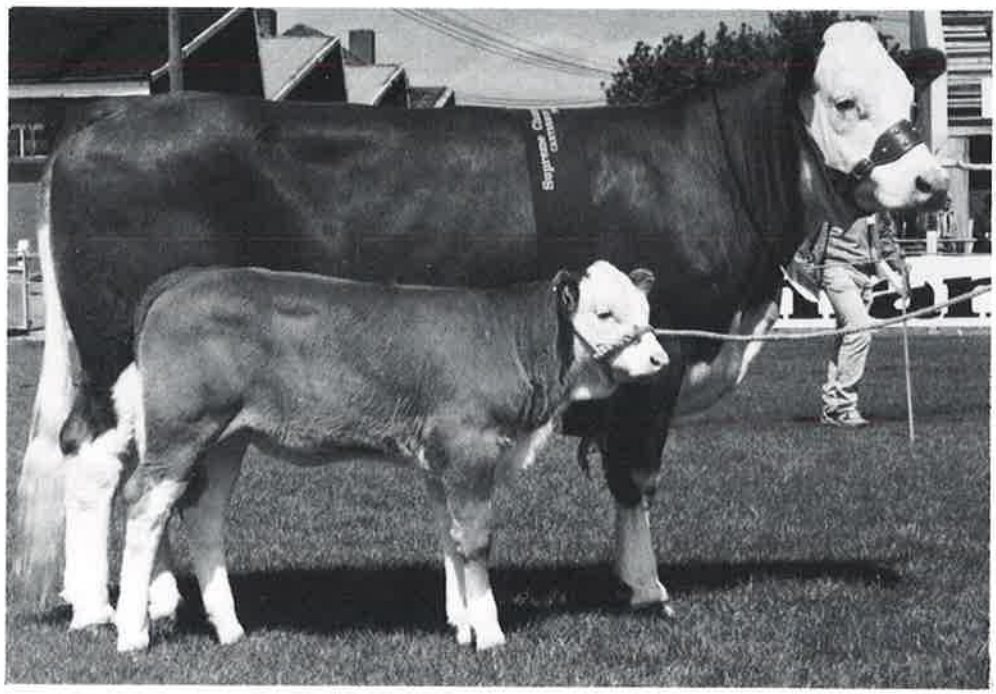

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EDITORIAL

Ten years ago Simmentals entered the Show Ring for the first time in competition at the Royal Show in Christchurch. Seven exhibitors with Fourteen adult animals and three calves. Despite small numbers and little experience Simmentals took second in the Meat & Wool Cup with a sixteen month heifer.

At the same venue, and a Royal, ten years later, twenty-one exhibitors paraded sixty-three adult animals and a dozen calves. Simmentals won both the All Breeds yearling bulls and heifer classes.

In ten years Simmentals have been shown in increasing numbers with remarkable success at major shows throughout the country. The 1987 Royal was a 'heady' anniversary to their introduction to the Ring.

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WAIMIRO SIMMENTALS

Herd No. 294

WAIMIRO UNA 294/AU135E Polled, and WAIMIRO UNITY 294/AU60E

Sire: BAR 5 DIGNIFIED
Dam: WAIMIRO PATSY 294/AP78E
Show Results 1987
Royal Show Christchurch
1st Senior Yearling Heifer
1st Pair Yearling Heifers
Champion Yearling Heifer
Grand Champion Female
Champion ALL BRRED Yearling Heifer

Sire: HEYWOOD ESQUIRE FCBE5
Dam: STERLING LENA ERM ENGLAND
Show Results 1987
Palmerston North
Don Urquhart Memorial Trophy Champion
ALL BREEDS Champion Yearling Heifer
Waitaki Trophy ALL BREEDS
Royal Show Christchurch
2nd Senior Yearling Heifer
1st Pair Yearling Heifers
Reserve Champion Yearling Heifer

This is the result of some of the embryo transfer programme carried out at 'Waimiro'.

We have heifers, bulls and embryos for sale this season.

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Miscellaneous

OFFICE CLOSURE

A REMINDER TO OUR RECENT CIRCULAR. THE SIMMENTAL OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM THE EVENING OF THE 23RD DECEMBER UNTIL WEDNESDAY, 20TH JANUARY.

CHANGES WITHIN THE OFFICE

With the introduction of our own 'in-house' computer and the subsequent changes which will result, the Council decided at its July Meeting to change some of the responsibility in the office. Our two long time staff members Ann and Yvonne will take over greater responsibilities in the day to day running of the office and the computer, releasing the Secretary Manager to do more promotional and field work with the breed and members. Over the past few years area visits have been limited as has direct promotional work. The Secretary Manager will still have overall responsibility for the office administration but will be available for visits to areas as deemed necessary. Jeanette Smith who works with us through the busy season (winter) will still be available as a back-up.

COMPUTERISATION

The prospect of our own 'in-house' computer has been long discussed. It has come to fruition and the equipment has actually arrived in our office. As soon as time permits we will begin staff training in its operation and introduction of our pedigree and performance programmes.

Members will see little change in what happens as formats and schedules will follow the same pattern as in the past. The main advantages will be that we will have control of what we do and when it happens which should give us advantages in servicing your needs and a more streamlined and efficient system. In the initial stages we will obviously have a few delays while we learn the ropes - it will be totally new to us but we are sure you will enjoy the benefits once we get underway. Please ensure you maintain your records correctly so that you can put them through to us for processing as requested.

We have informed you before but remind you that we will carry out all those things done in the past by the New Zealand Meat Producers Board including Beefplan.

ALL your computerisation will be done by the Society.

NEW FARMING PUBLICATION

'The New Zealand Farmer' Issue No. 9 has already been received. Since its beginning a short time ago this new publication has received much praise for its content and balance of current information from the farming community and allied organisations. Produced by Rural Press Ltd., of Auckland 'The Farmer' has links with the Australian Land Magazine and follows a similar format. This tabloid weekly paper incorporates the old N.Z. Farmer and Country Life magazine with Chief Editor, Hugh Stringleman, formerly Agricultural Editor of the Press in Christchurh. Already Simmentals have had excellent press — what more could we ask that a full colour front page photograph in issue No. 6!

'The Farmer' fulfills a very important requirement in the rural scene. We wish them well with publication of this excellent paper.

SIMMENTAL VIDEO

The Promotion Committee are currently in the planning stage of a video on the breed. Mr Colin Follas of Auckland, a well known personality in the rural scene who is now producing top quality videos has been enlisted for production and will commence filming once the script is finalised and accepted. The concept of 'script first, film following' ensures that the objective is sorted out first. The production will be aimed at the commercial aspects of the breed on which our stud enterprises rely - e.g. weaners, steers, dam productivity and recorded performance.

Filming will be done in various locations throughout the country to give balance of environment and the versatility of the breed. Localities have yet to be selected.

Once production is completed it is hoped that we will be able to make copies of the video available for sale to members. Copies are inexpensive to produce. One of the main advantages of video production is that the finished article can be up-dated with new material 'cut-in'.

We think this is an exciting concept and will allow individuals to demonstrate just what the attributes of the Simmental are either at home or at such events as field days or shows.

WAIRARAPA CLUB RE-ESTABLISHED

After some years of 'recess' the Club has got re-organised with the breeds expanded establishment in the area. Club President is Peter McWilliam, Treasurer, Bernie Cooper and Secretary Raewyn Clapham. Their Club have set up their first activity which will be a field day on the McWilliam's property at Gladstone near Masterton on 27th April. Of interest to Stud and Commercial breeders will be the large display of pure and commercial crossbred cattle and the cattle handling system designed in a circular fashion to make handling large numbers of cattle a simple one man operation.

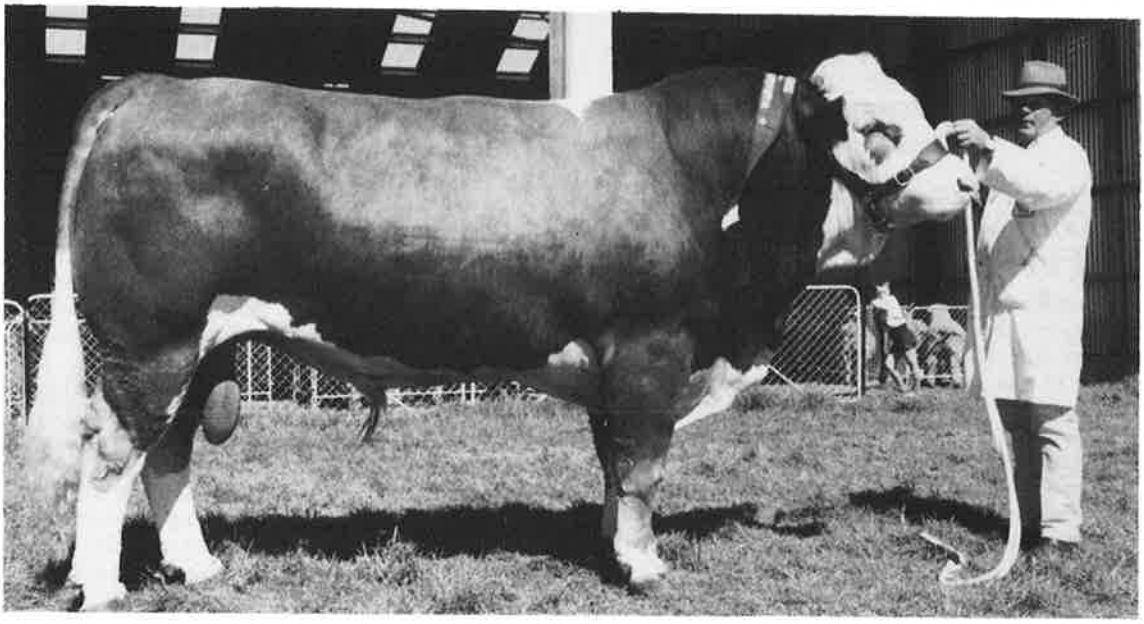
THOSE OBSTREPEROUS FEMALES!

Round the rings of the Show circuits each season there are odd bursts of 'activity' which make 'Jazzercise' look like a Sunday picnic! Almost without exception it is the female of the species and just as predictably the heifers — of any bred. Quite why we have this phenomenon is hard to establish. A nice heifer with high hopes, will behave like a lady at home, to become a bundle of mischief in the ring. Their male peers seldom step out of line mainly, I think, because they have been 'ringed' and control is easier.

Overseas it is general practice to use small noseclips when training females to lead and in some Shows it is mandatory for all females to have nose clips on parade. Some breeders in New Zealand already follow suit, with obvious success. The use of nose clips is an extension of control and the animal should be taught to tolerate it at an early age so that on 'the day' it is not suddenly faced with a new facet of handling. If you do use a 'clip' it is only as an emergency control. Properly taught a heifer will respect it and the fact it is there will curtail any plan of misbehaviour. To 'ring' a heifer (as with bulls) is in my opinion extreme — a clip will do the same job and produce the same result.

I will investigate the possibility of obtaining a supply of suitable clips. They were hard to obtain but with revised import regulations such things are more easily acquired. A 'trip' round the ring with an out of control animal may amuse spectators but is no fun for the exhibitor. Prevention is better than cure.

WAI-ITI ROTOMARA



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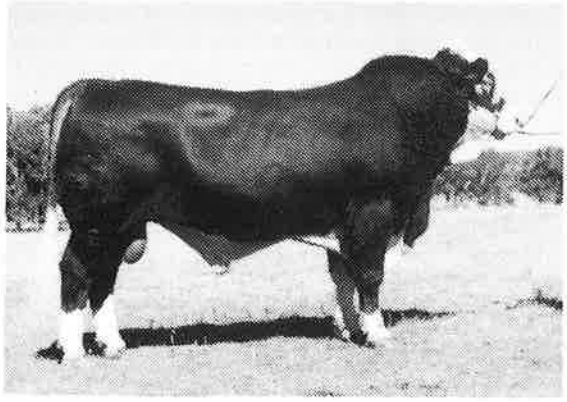

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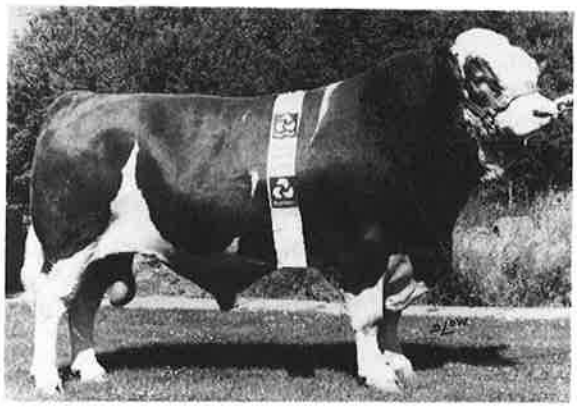
GRAND CHAMPION SIMMENTAL
SYDNEY ROYAL SHOW 1986
His calves at Wai-iti are outstanding.



KILBRIDE FARM NEVADA A.I. Use
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ENGLISH ROYAL SHOW 1986
His first calves are due next spring.

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WAI-ITI U.F.O. (IMP.)
JUNIOR HERD SIRE CURRENTLY RUNNING WITH 25 YEARLING PUREBRED HEIFERS

FIELD DAY — 27 APRIL 1988
OVER 150 PUREBREDS ON DISPLAY
PLUS VARIOUS COMMERCIAL CROSSES

People

NUFFIELD SCHOLARSHIP 1987

A contributed article by:
Geoff Mathis of Tirau

The Nuffield Scholarships are awarded annually to spend up to six months studying all aspects of U.K. and European Agriculture, sponsored by the Meat, Wool and Dairy Boards, Air New Zealand and Federated Farmers. The Milk Marketing Board of England supplied me with a free vehicle, a great gesture.

Farming in U.K. over the last two decades has been one of opportunity - not necessary opportunity for those who wish to buy their first farm, but for those who were currently farming either as a tennant or farm owners.

There are massive amounts of state or E.E.C. assistance and subsidies which have been freely available for those able to take advantage of them. Whether it be tax write offs, building or drainage subsidies (at times up to 100%), machinery write offs. (Up to four years ago was as much as 100% or total write off in year of purchase). But like in New Zealand at the present time, and ill winds of change are beginning to bite, or in our case, has already bitten.

Milk quotas of 15% over the last four years are at long last starting to take effect on the massive over supply problem which has existed within Europe for a number of years.

Cereal producers have seen price reductions for the current harvest of between 10 - 15% on top of a disastrously wet summer posing some major cash flow problems for that group of farmers.

Beef producers have found the going tough as increased cow slaughterings from the dairy herd keep prices depressed. It is believed the situation may improve as cow slaughterings slow down but also as 60% of all beef is derived from the dairy herd, the availability of sufficient numbers of dairy beef calves to satisfy demand will force prices of ten day old calves even higher. Presently prices of $500 - $600 for good ten day old continental Friesian cross calves is common practice. There has also been a revival of interest in the Simmental breed within U.K. dairy farmers with the Milk Marketing Board recording a 41% increase in A.I. in the last twelve months.

To me, the sheep industry is the gold mine within U.K. agriculture at the present time. Because of very good price support — varying, depending on the time of year lambs are sold but up to 40% subsidy, sheep numbers are increasing at 5 - 6% per annum. It is this rate of increase which must sound alarm bells for New Zealand sheep producers and our exports to that market. There are loud calls being made by sheep producers in U.K. to reduce New Zealanders access into that market, (which currently is about 160,000 tonns of lamb per annum) to make way for their growing sheep numbers. Overall as reduced price support/subsidies bite into the pockets of European farmers, they are becoming a lot more efficient and having to fine tune their operation. Unless New Zealand farmers can contain costs at least on a par with our trading partners, our efficiency advantage could well be eroded. There is a resolve within Brussels to lessen the drain on taxpayer funding of the C.A.P. (Common Agriculture Policy). Unfortunately too often the soft option has been taken by the Agricultural Ministers of the E.E.C. with the result minimal progress has been made to date. The sooner the Finance Ministers rather than the Agricultural Ministers sit around the table of power, the sooner will action be taken to reduce over production and stock piles of Agricultural products.

The United Kingdom milk producer receives approximately 51 cents per litre of milk. His New Zealand counterpart 14-15c. per litre. The U.K. lamb producer earns $120 - $150 per 18 - 20kg lamb whilst in New Zealand its in the vicinity of $20 - $30 for a similar lamb. The returns for beef are a little over one and a half times those of New Zealand beef producers.

There is little sympathy for this country's cause within England because the younger generation of rural/urban Great Britain have less traditional ties with New Zealand.

Some of the political decisions made by our Government especially in the area of foreign policy has lost many friends and the present Government's position on the nuclear issue, one was reminded of quite frequently.

Whilst in Europe I visited a French milk producer who was breeding wild pigs in a woodlot on the farm. He was selling 200 of the offspring each year (at about 14 weeks of age) for $1,800 N.Z. each. One German client was buying seventy to be released into a 200 ha woodlot to be hunted as they are hunted in this country. In Holland I stayed with a Dutch couple who were fattening 3,000 (yes three thousand) baconeers per week, but what interested me mostly was the 45 wild rabbit does he was breeding from. He was releasing approximately 150 five week old rabbits into an area of leased land so that a sporting group he belonged to could go hunting.

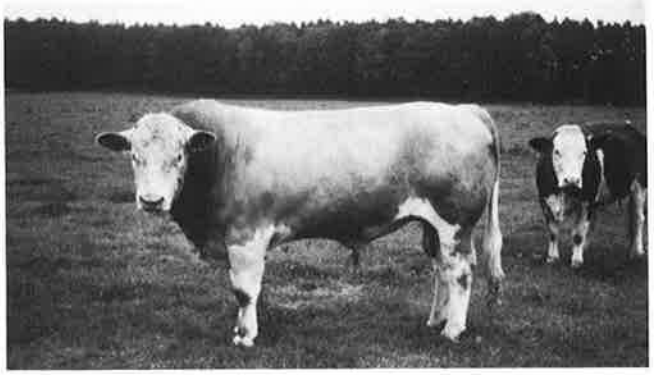
When one has a population of 250,000,000 people at your door step the opportunity fordiversificationand the syphoning of some of that city wealth into agriculture is enormous. If only we had an extra 10,000,000 in little New Zealand!!

I appreciated the contacts Ian Johnstone had given me re the Simmental breed. Whilst not all used, the people within the breed in U.K. and Switzerland were very helpful. Unfortunately, because there is a different type of market in the U.K. for prime cattle, the majority of breeders are not breeding the sort of animal which could be classed as ideal in New Zealand. With the major emphasis being placed on a 400 day weight far too many cattle at the Perth Bull Sale in February were grossly over weight. I could see some major feet and leg problems developing because of this trend.

The opportunity to win a 'Nuffield' was as one past Nuffield put it "A chance in a life time" - It sure was. In the seven months away I would have stayed in Hotel or Bed and Breakfast accommodation no more than twenty-five days. I never had to ask for a bed, it was always offered. In one ten day period I visited thirty-seven operations - from farmers to research stations (I.C.I.), spent a day with a veterinarian or with discussion groups.

It was a very busy seven months, while it was a great experience, it was no holiday (as some perceived it to be). I travelled into Europe on four different occasions visiting all the E.E.C. countries at least once. My lasting impression of Europe is one of a massive food bowl - the gentle rolling contour from Southern France to the Northern tip of Denmark is unbelieveable. The ability to produce cereals is beyond ones imagination, but what a price the consumer pays for that honour.

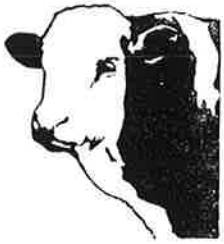
Geoff Mathis.



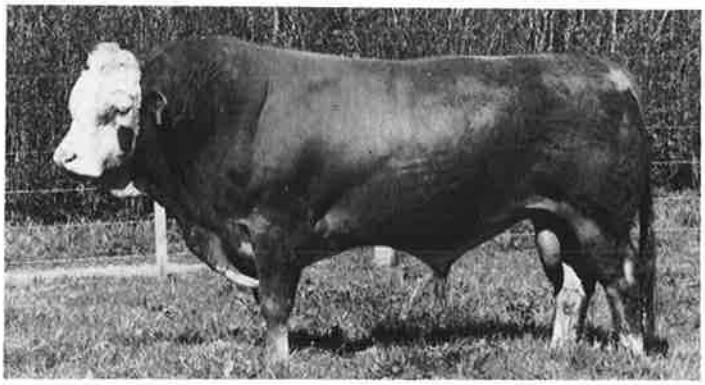
'Awl Polled Superstar' imported to U.K. from Canada as a 2 yr old.

— Photo: G. Mathis.

SILVERMOYLE SIMMENTAL STUD



We would like to thank all
who supported us by coming along to our 1987 annual sale.
To buyers and underbidders a special 'thank you'.
We wish you all a happy Christmas and a prosperous 1988.



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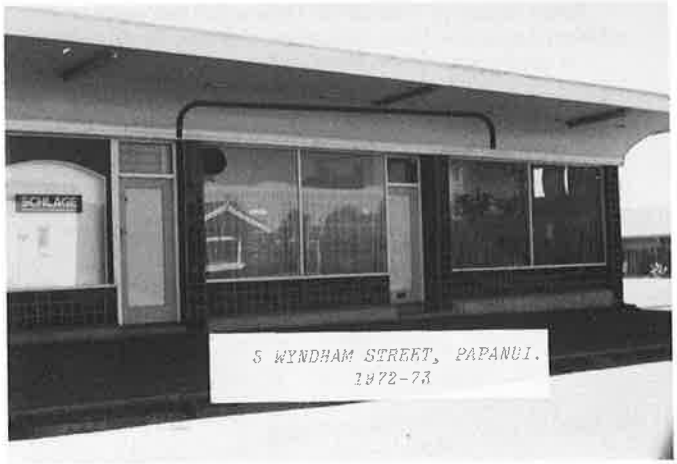
ENTRIES CLOSE 26 FEBRUARY

OUR OFFICE

A recent circular will have advised you that we are about to move our office again - the second time we have had an involuntary move in little over twelve months. When we moved to Oxford Terrace from Victoria Street we felt secure in the knowledge we had a eight year signed and sealed lease at a very reasonable rental. Redevelopment in Christchurch has taken on epidemic proportions over the past year and with an office with a river outlook and a westerly aspect in a building of only two floors we were a prime objective for the bulldozer. The building has in fact changed hands twice and this time appears certain to go down. While we have to undergo the sheer inconvenience of another move we have been offered compensation, which will go a long way to covering our future rental in the premises we plan to move to in the adjoining building. The most satisfactory aspect is that we will retain all our main facilities as they are - Box number, telephone, Bank and Post Office.

It is interesting to look back over the past fifteen years at just where we have resided - the pictures tell their own story.



BEEFWORLD 88

It is generally known that the large and ambitious project planned by the Canterbury A. & P. Association for April, 1988 has had to be cancelled. Despite many hours and weeks of Meetings and planning by many people sufficient sponsorship could not be obtained to give the security needed to embark upon such an event. Interest was wide and involved many overseas people and embraced a very broad spectrum of the beef industry. Maybe the timing was just not right for such a project.

7TH WORLD CONGRESS, 1988 (GERMANY)

We have received preliminary advice of the above Congress to be held in Munich in September, 1988 (12th-16th). Should any member require information please enquire from the office.

Shows

THE ROYAL SHOW 1987

Held at Christchurch in early November this year's Royal was a resounding success for the Simmental breed as well as the tenth anniversary of its entrance into competitive showing. An all time record entry lined up with over sixty adults and about a dozen calves. Entries came from all over the South Island with two coming all the way from Palmerston North.

Our Judge this year was well known Australian breeder, David Emerson of Victoria who is also current President of the Australian Simmental Association. He has wide experience in the ring and has judged at premier shows throughout Australia. His knowledge of the breed and his very precise organisation in the ring was a pleasure to watch and his comments to exhibitors and those who watched the judging were so worthwhile. The standard of the cattle presented for judging was excellent, without exception which is a great credit to all exhibitors. Following the judging David spent considerable time in the cattle lines with individual exhibitors which was greatly appreciated.

Our judging schedule this year was not easy. There were record cattle entries and tight space allocation and the first day was marred a little by the non appearance of catalogues which created delays but with patience from both exhibitor and judge we got through the programme.

The 1987 Royal was a 'high' for two exhibitors who had both travelled long distances, Lachie McLachlan of Milton, Otago took the Supreme Simmental award with his yearling bull 'Helensbrook Underwood' a grandson of the well known 'Irish Empress' twice winner of a Royal Meat & Wool Cup. This excellent young sire also won the Junior Bull Championship, Grand Champion Bull and went on to win the All Breeds Yearling class in top competition. 'Underwood' also entered in the Meat & Wool Cup was placed fifth against some of the top entries in the country.

Females also had their day and Alan Perry who was the only North Island exhibitor had a great show with his pair of yearling heifers he brought down from Rongotea. They took first and second in the Senior Yearling Class and won the Heifer Pairs Class. 'Waimiro Una' by Bar 5 Dignified won the Junior Heifer Championship, Grand Champion Female and following hard on the heels of the Junior Champion Bull won the All Breeds Yearling Heifer Class making it a 'double' for the breed in the yearling inter-breed competitions which is run on the same criteria as the Meat & Wool Cup. Alan Perry polished off his day by taking the Reserve Junior Heifer Championship with his second heifer 'Waimiro Unity' by Heywood Esquire.

At the Royal each year Simmental classes include the 'Coopental' Performance Class for yearling bulls and heifers, based on weight gain and dam productivity. This year's entries attracted over twenty animals and was won by the Lott family of Garston (Southland) with an excellent yearling bull 'Sunnyvale Utlimate' by Scottish Herod. It was the second time an entry from the Lott's herd has won this competition — the last time being at the Royal in Invercargill in 1984. Winner of the heifer section was Roger Caird of South Canterbury with 'Alyth Utopia' by Stone Hut Sonny Boy. It was Rogers first showing in Christchurch. Sponsorship this year was by courtesy of Donald Scales of Masterton, well known manufacturers of weighing equipment and wool presses. They donated two $350 discount vouchers on their equipment as prizes — a well worthwhile prize and within the objective of the competition.

The Canterbury Club in conjunction with the Society set up a 'Breed Centre' adjacent to the Simmental cattle lines consisting of display pens for cattle and a meeting place for members and friends. This proved highly successful and was alive with people throughout the Show. To 'top off' what was one of the most successful shows we have had the Simmental Exhibitors won the Shed prize for the best kept cattle lines and without being 'parochial' they really looked magnificent thanks to the efforts of the members and exhibitors. Our prize was a very nice silver water jug.

Junior Champion Bull, Supreme of the Breed and All Breed Junior Champion 'Helensbrook Underwood' with proud exhibitors Lachie and Helen McLachlan of Milton. At the halter is equally proud groom Sheryl McLean of Southland.
— Photo: Farming Publications.

Champion Simmental Heifer and All Breeds Champion Yearling Heifer. L-R: Franz Kienle, Liz Emerson, Alan Perry (Owner) and Judge David Emerson.
— Photo: I.S.J.

Allister Duncan of Mossburn, with his Champion Senior Bull 'Canterbury Duncan'. Gail Johnstone, wife of the Secretary, sashed the entry.
— Photo: Farming Publications.

A Judges family — David Emerson with his wife Liz and daughter Kate at the Royal Show. The Emersons come from Victoria, Australia.

— Photo: I.S.J.

Clare Perry (wife of the President) with Oakleigh Osborne and his Champion Senior Cow.

— Photo: I.S.J.

Alan Perry and Franz Kienle (from Germany) who is working for Alan with the Champion & Reserve Junior Heifers.

— Photo: I.S.J.

Star Absolom sashes the Junior Champion Bull. With her is David Emerson & stud groom Sheryl McLean. This young sire had a momentous Royal going on to win the Supreme and All Breeds Yearling.

— Photo: I.S.J.

David Carter of Avon Park with his Reserve Champion Bull 'Avon Park Tom Selleck' which has just been sashed by Biddy Ritchie of Blenheim.

— Photo: Farming Publications.

Pam Duncan of Mossburn sashes the Reserve Champion Cow belonging to Rob Gibson of Tarras.

— Photo: I.S.J.

Simmental Cattle lines which won the award for the show as the Best Kept lines.

— Photo: I.S.J.

All day at the Royal — people at the Simmental 'Centre'.

Shows

Individual Class Results were as follows:
1st 'Drum Ermintrude', sire: Bavarian, R. W. Gibson
2nd 'Springbrook Mandy', sire: Siegfried, C. J. Patterson
3rd 'Risingholme Laura', sire: Siegried, D. S. Crosson

Cow with Calf, 3 Years
1st 'Winfield Ragamuffin', sire: MMB Thierauch, O. J. Osborne
2nd 'Ohapuku Rana', sire: Scottish Extra Special, A. J. Banks

Heifer, 2 Years
1st 'Avon Park Tootsie', sire: Avon Park Majestic, D. C. & M. J. Carter
2nd 'Robot Trixie', sire: Robot Hero, J. A. & J. Robins
3rd 'Avon Park Tiger Lil', sire: Bar 5 Dignified, D. C. & M. J. Carter
V.H.C. 'Winfield Tuppence', sire: Winfield Nelson, O. J. Osborne

Heifer, Snr. Yearling
1st 'Waimiro Una', sire: Bar 5 Dignified, A. B. Perry
2nd 'Waimiro Unity', sire: Heywood Esquire, A. B. Perry
3rd 'Avon Park Lena', sire: Heywood Esquire, D. C. & M. J. Carter
V.H.C. 'MacMathan Musk', sire: Scottish Herod, D. E. & J. L. Matheson
H.C. 'Winfield Umpteen', sire: MMB Thierauch, O. J. Osborne

Heifer, Jnr Yearling
1st 'Alyth Utopia', sire: Stone Hut Sonny Boy, I. R. Caird
2nd 'Malvern Downs Ultimate', sire: Malvern Downs Rarzu, R. W. Gibson
3rd 'Moneymore Duchess', sire: Sir Avon Park Extra, C. Martin
V.H.C. 'Springbrook Inheritance', sire: W.F.G. Inheritor, C. J. Patterson
H.C. 'Pinelee Una', sire: BBA Galant 12L, G. M. & L. E. Bain
C. 'Avon Park Uplook', sire: BBA Galant 12L, D. C. & M. J. Carter

Pair Heifers
1st 'Waimiro Una'/'Waimiro Unity', A. B. Perry
2nd 'Avon Park Lena'/'Avon Park Uplook', D. C. & M. J. Carter
3rd 'Peak Hill Ula'/'Peak Hill Universe'. M. Groters

Bull over 3 Years
No entry

Bull 3 Years
1st 'Winfield Rex', sire: Avon Park Magpie, O. J. Osborne

Bull 2 Years
1st 'Canterbury Trinidad', sire: Canterbury Nick, A. W. & P. A. Duncan
2nd 'Avon Park Tom Selleck', sire: Hockenhull Magnum, D. C. & M. J. Carter
3rd 'Avon Park Ultra', sire: Abricot, D. C. & M. J. Carter

Bull, Snr. Yearling
1st 'Springbrook Solid Gold', sire: Brundish Lars, C. J. Patterson
2nd 'Rissington Polled Red', sire: Shawest Big Red, I. McCorkindale
3rd 'Winfield Ultra', sire: Avon Park Magpie, O. J. Osborne
V.H.C. 'Springbrook Big Red', sire: Brundish Lars, C. J. Patterson

Bull, Jnr. Yearling
1st 'Helensbrook Underwood', sire: Maraeatotara Prince, L. E. McLachlan
2nd 'Winfield Utopia', sire: Hockenhull Magnum, O. J. Osborne
3rd 'Makerikeri Status', sire: Stuartslaw Joseph, I. G. & P. J. Wright
V.H.C. 'Sunnyvale Ultimate', sire: Scottish Herod, R. W. Lott & Son
H.C. 'Rissington Rebel', sire: Bar 5 General 406L, G. Bain/G. Paisley
C. 'Helensbrook Ultra', sire: Maraetotara Prince, L. E. McLachlan

Group, Bull and Three Females
1st D. C. & M. J. Carter
2nd O. J. Osborne
3rd C. J. Patterson

Group 3, by one sire
1st L. E. McLachlan (Maraetotara Prince)
2nd O. J. Osborne (Avon Park Magpie)
3rd I. R. Caird (Stone Hut Sonny Boy)

Shows

Coopental Performance Class
Bull Section (and overall winner) 'Sunnyvale Ultimate', R. W. Lott & Son
Heifer Section 'Alyth Utopia', I. R. Caird

CHAMPIONSHIPS/TROPHIES *(Challenge)*
Senior Champion Cow: 'Winfield Raggamuffin', O. J. Osborne
R. H. Kerr Silver Salver, Pendeen Challenge Trophy.
Reserve Senior Champion Cow: 'Drum Ermintrude', R. W. Gibson
Junior Champion Heifer: 'Waimiro Una', A. B. Perry
Society Silver Jug, Swiss Bell.
Reserve Junior Champion Heifer: 'Waimiro Unity', A. B. Perry
Grand Champion Female: 'Waimiro Una', A. B. Perry
Senior Champion Bull: 'Canterbury Trinidad', A. W. & P. A. Duncan
Harlau Silver Jug.
Reserve Senior Champion Bull: 'Avon Park Tom Selleck', D. C. & M. J. Carter
Junior Champion Bull: 'Helensbrook Underwood', L. E. McLachlan
Society Silver Jug.
Reserve Junior Champion Bull: 'Springbrook Solid Gold', C. J. Patterson
Grand Champion Bull: 'Helensbrook Underwood', L. E. McLachlan
Supreme Champion Simmental: 'Helensbrook Underwood', L. E. McLachlan
Society Silver Salver.
Coopental Performance Class: 'Sunnyvale Ultimate', R. W. Lott & Son
Coopental Challenge Salver.
All Breeds Champion Yearling Bull: 'Helensbrook Underwood'
All Breeds Champion Yearling Heifer: *'Waimiro Una'*
Herdsperson Trophy (Royal): *Mrs M. J. Carter*
(Canterbury): Miss Sheryl McLean.

At this year's Royal, sponsorship was received from a number of sources in addition to our usual Trophy list. We gratefully record the generosity of the following organisations:
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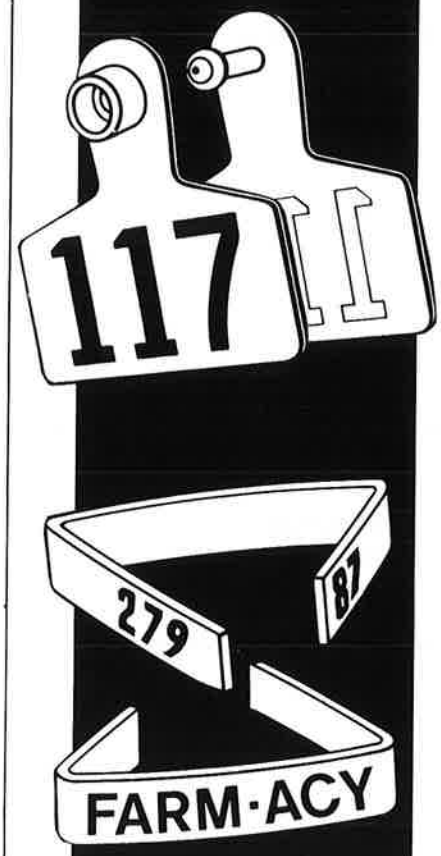
HAWKES BAY A. & P. RESULTS
Judge: H. R. Lowry.
Associate Judge: John Scott.
Senior Champion Bull: 'Glen Anthony AR23', Dunmore Hansa, A. H. & G. Thompson.
Reserve Champion Bull: 'Coopental Terric', L. S. Lopez, J. P. & S. E. Absolom.
Junior Champion Bull: 'Rissington Big Red', Shawest Big Red 17P, J. P. & S. E. Absolom.
Grand Champion Bull: 'Rissington Big Red', Shawest Big Red 17P, J. P. & S. E. Absolom.
Supreme: 'Rissington Big Red', Shawest Big Red 17P, J. P. & S. E. Absolom.
Reserve Junior Bull: 'Waiti Uncle Fred', B.B.A. Galant, P. McWilliam.
Senior Champion Female: 'Peastons Kate', Ravensworth Effigy, A. H. & G. Thompson.
Grand Champion Female: 'Peastons Kate', Ravensworth Effigy, A. H. & G. Thompson.
Junior Champion Female: 'Rissington Amelia', Shawest Big Red 17P, J. P. & S. E. Absolom.
Reserve Junior Champion Female: 'Rissington Hannah', Shawest Big Red 17P, J. P. & S. E. Absolom.
Champion Interbreed Yearling Bull: 'Rissington Big Red', Shawest Big Red 17P, J. P. & S. E. Absolom.
Meat & Wool Cup: 3rd 'Rissington Big Red'.
4th 'Peastons Kate'.
Interbreed Cow and Calf: 1st 'Glen Anthony Lillie', Scottish Senator, A. H. & G. Thompson.
2nd 'Glen Anthony Harmony', Extra, A. H. & G. Thompson.
3rd 'Peastons Kate', Ravensworth Effigy, A. H. & G. Thompson.
Export Beef (Interbreed): 2nd 'Glen Anthony Harmony', Extra, A. H. & G. Thompson.



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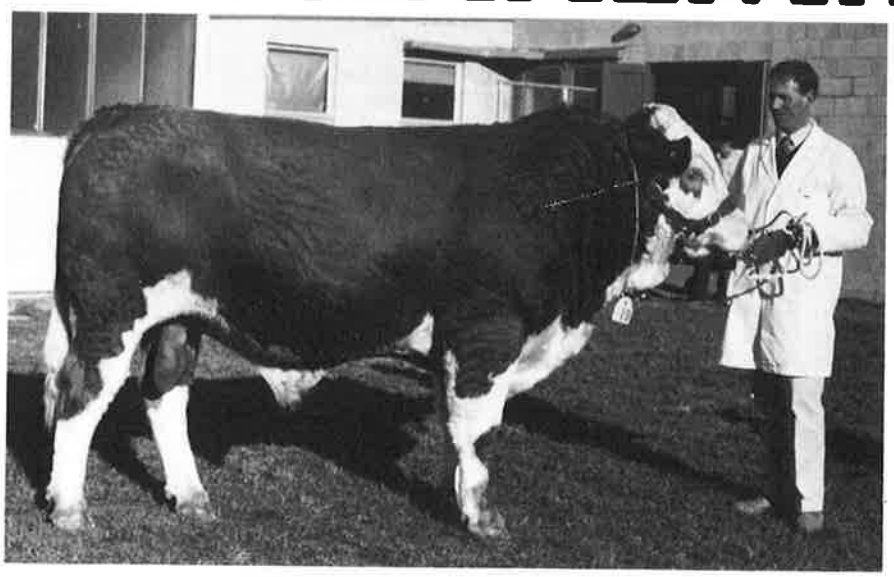

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MARLBOROUGH/NELSON FIELD DAY

The northern area of the South Island has had comparatively small numbers of breeders since Simmentals were introduced in the early 1970's. Transport Nelson at one stage had one of the largest herds of registered cattle in the country with close on a thousand graded-up animals. This herd met a sudden demise when there was a large revision in the structure of the Company Administration and the property was sub-divided and sold with complete dispersal of all livestock. (Many of the breeding females from this herd are still within herds throughout the country).

Remaining breeders in both provinces continued their enterprises and gradually herds have built up and as more bulls have become available they have been filtered out to commercial breeders for cross breeding. In the last few years the interest has strengthened as it has in other areas. Simmental cross weaners have topped markets, steers have won competitions and produced premiums and new registered herds have been established.

In mid-July the first field day was held in the area for some years in the Blenheim and Seddon area and was attended by some thirty breeders and others interested in the breed. The first call was to the property of Andrew and Biddy Ritchie, near Renwicktown who have a small holding based on the old Hawkesbury homestead (noted for its merinos for many years). Andrew, from Scotland, married a New Zealander and has set up a small purebred stud to be run in cojunction with their adjoining vineyard. He first had contact with Simmentals in Scotland and with purchases from several well known studs in New Zealand to establish his herd we look forward to his contributions to the breed's progress in the area. From Blenheim the field day moved to Seddon to inspect the herd of Graham Orchard which was established in 1977. This herd now numbering nearly fifty registered animals has developed into an impressive stud with some excellent young stock and bulls are being marketed out to commercial breeders in both Marlborough and Nelson.

A group of good breeding cows at Graham Orchard's Seddon property.
— Photo: Marlborough Express.

Further up the road west of Seddon Graham's brother-in-law Jim Lissaman farms with his brother Rob at Waireka where an excellent group of young cattle were seen including their rising two year old bulls.

Both these Seddon herds, now well established, have shown great progress in the last few years. Numbers have allowed careful selection within the herds and some excellent cattle are emerging. The field day concluded with a Club Meeting and dinner kindly provided by the combined members of the Orchard and Lissaman families.

Alan Perry (President) who came down from Palmerston North with Chris Gorman and Graham Orchard.
— Photo: I.S.J.

Several members attended from Nelson including Rupert Martin (and his wife Grace) who managed the Transport Nelson herd for years. Craig Martin (no relation) also came over for the day. He and his brother Richard have recently established a Simmental Stud alongside their Angus enterprise. Visitors from outside the area were Ian Johnstone from Christchurch and President, Alan Perry from Palmerston North.

On the day following the field day the Marlborough Pedigree Breeders' Association Annual Bull Sale was held at the Blenheim Saleyards and Simmentals were included in the catalogue for only the second year. Charlie Lee from Ward who is a well known Hereford breeder established a Simmental herd only a year or two ago and offered four bulls with credible results, averaging $2,400 with a top of $2,800 eclipsing his Hereford offering of eleven by over $150. In the All Breeds judging Simmentals also made their mark in strong company (a catalogue of over 80 bulls) taking Reserve All Breeds Champion and Champion All Breeds Pair. The Champion of the Sale was a Hereford entered by B. McKenzie of Wairau Valley. We congratulate Charlie Lee for his success and his presentation of cattle at the sale. With the enthusiam of the breeders in the area and the standard of cattle seen we are certain the expansion will continue.

Ian Johnstone lends a hand with feeding out with Graham Orchard.
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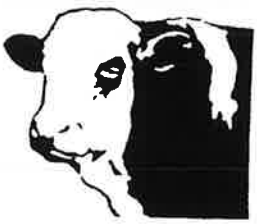

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PALMERSTON NORTH A. & P. RESULTS

Judge: J. P. Absolom
Senior Champion Bull: 'Kindar Galaxy', Ohu 573/AL12, P. McWilliam.
Grand Champion Bull: 'Kindar Galaxy', Ohu 573/AL12, P. McWilliam.
Supreme: 'Kindar Galaxy', Ohu 573/AL12, P. McWilliam.
Meat & Wool Cup: 1st 'Kindar Galaxy', Ohu 573/AL12, P. McWilliam.
Reserve Senior Champion Bull: 'G. R. Horatio Regal', Extra, Ailsa Farm Ltd.
Senior Champion Female: 'Peastons Kate', Ravensworth Effigy, A. H. & G. Thompson.
Grand Champion Female: 'Peastons Kate', Ravensworth Effigy, A. H. & G. Thompson.
Reserve Senior Champion Female: 'Winslow Rosanna', Tokaweka Kaiser, Tusmore & Winslow Simmentals
Junior Champion Female: 'Rissington Fiona', Shawest Big Red 17P, P. McWilliam.
Reserve Junior Champion Female: 'Glen Anthony Uptown', Zazou, A. H. & G. Thompson.
Interbreed Cow Class: 2nd 'Winslow Rosanna', Ravensworth Effigy, Tusmore & Winslow Simmentals.
Interbreed Yearling Heifer: 1st 'Waimiro Unity', Heywood Esquire, A. B. Perry.
Interbreed Yearling Bull: 2nd 'Glen Anthony Ulster', Zazou, A. H. & G. Thompson.
Overall Interbreed Female Champion: 'Waimiro Unity', Heywood Esquire, A. B. Perry.

Great results for the breed with the Simmental breed having the biggest representation at all three Shows. With the generous support of Sponsors in the inter-breed classes it was pleasing to see $3,375 plus sponsors products being won by Simmental breeders.

Meat & Wool Cup Winner at Palmerston North 'Kindar Galaxy' exhibited by Peter McWilliam of Wai-iti Simmentals. The cup was presented by the American Agricutural Attache, Mr Evans Browne pictured with his wife.
— Photo: Farming Publications.

All Breeds Champion Junior Bull at the Masterton Show 'Wai-iti Uncle Fred' with exhibitor Peter McWilliam.
— Photo: Farming Publications.

A SHOW JUDGES COMMENT:

"I was looking for young females that were smooth through the neck and shoulder and showing signs of good udder development, I certainly found that —"

WAIKATO CLUB SHOW

Held in the autumn this exclusively Simmental event is one of the highlights of the Waikato Club's annual events. Success was the name of the game for John and Lorraine McNaughten of Raglan who took most of the prizes on the day. Jill Arbon, Club Secretary said they had a great day with plenty of people and cattle.

Class results were as follows:
Heifer Calves: 1st R. Pearce
2nd W. Eccles
3rd J. Marshall
Yearling Heifer: 1st J. McNaughton
2nd J. Arbon
3rd A. Fleming
Two Year Heifer: Lindsay Jones
Bull Calves: 1st J. McNaughton
2nd T. Marshall
3rd R. Pearce
Yearling Bulls: 1st P. Scott
2nd J. Scott
3rd J. Arbon
Champion Female: J. McNaughton.
Reserve Champion: R. Pearce
Champion Bull: J. McNaughton.
Reserve Champion: J. Scott
Supreme Champion: J. McNaughton's Heifer.

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POVERTY BAY A. & P. RESULTS (GISBORNE)
Judge: Karl Cameron.
Senior Champion Bull: 'Alyth Saltz', LJB Jade, M. R. & M. F. Moore.
Junior Champion Bull: 'Rissington Big Red', Shawest Big Red 17P, J. P. & S. E. Absolom.
Grand Champion Bull: 'Rissington Big Red', Shawest Big Red 17P, J. P. & S. E. Absolom.
Supreme: 'Rissington Big Red', Shawest Big Red 17P, J. P. & S. E. Absolom.
Senior Champion Female: 'Peastons Kate', Ravensworth Effigy, A. H. & G. Thompson.
Grand Champion Female: 'Peastons Kate', Ravensworth Effigy, A. H. & G. Thompson.
Junior Champion Female: 'Rissington Hannah' Shawest Big Red 17P, J. P. & S. E. Absolom.
Champion Interbreed Yearling Bull: 'Rissington Big Red', Shawest Big Red 17P J. P. & S. E. Absolom.
18 entries $1,000 prize.
Champion Interbreed Yearling Heifer: 'Rissington Amelia' Shawest Big Red 17P, J. P. & S. E. Absolom.
21 entries $500 prize.
Meat & Wool Cup: 2nd 'Rissington Big Red'. 4th 'Peastons Kate'
A great show for the breed with five breeders exhibiting.

WAIRARAPA SHOW RESULTS
Judge: Bob Barton.
Junior Bull: 1st 'Wai-iti Uncle Fred', BBA Galant 12L, Wai-iti Simmentals.
2nd 'Winslow Ultimate', Duncairn Modeler, P. R. Maxwell.
Two Year Bull: 1st 'Wai-iti U.F.O.', Dunmore Flashman, Wai-iti Simmentals.
2nd 'Rotomara Ulster', Norland Lot, Wai-iti Simmentals.
Senior Bull: 1st 'Kindar Galaxy', Ohu 573/AL12, Wai-iti Simmentals.
Junior Female: 1st 'Rissington Bar 5 Fiona', Shawest Big Red 17P, Kilburnie Partnership.
All Breeds Junior Bull: 'Wai-iti Uncle Fred'.
All Breeds Junior Heifer: 'Rissington Bar 5 Fiona'.
Meat & Wool Cup: 1st Hereford.
2nd Kindar Galaxy.

Cattle grooming is a high risk job! Sad scene at the Royal.
— Photo: I.S.J.

The Simmental 'Centre' at this years Royal.
— Photo: I.S.J.

Refreshment after Christchurch Sale. L-R: Gilbert Pearce (Putararu), Ted & Jan Turrell (Kaituna), Pam & Allister Duncan (Mossburn), Gentleman in jersey unidentified.
— Photo: Sibley.

Staff on standby after the South Island Sale. L-R: Jeanette Smith, Yvonne Kingsland, Ann Boyce and Ian S.J.
— Photo: Sibley.

LEESTON SHOW

The biggest one day show in the South Island, Leeston (out of Christchurch) has become the fore runner for the Canterbury Show. This year saw cattle in numbers of record levels with a good contingent of Simmentals, Charolais, Hereford, Limousin and Beef Shorthorn participated.

Simmental results were as follows:

Cow over 3 Years with calf: C. J. Patterson.
Heifer 2 Years: C. J. Patterson.
Yearling Heifer: D. J. & J. Matheson.
Yearling Bull: C. J. Patterson.
Group: C. J. Patterson.

O. J. Osborne and A. A. T. Partridge also exhibited and took secondary prizes. Colin Patterson won the Champion Cow and the Champion Bull awards in the Simmental Classes as well as the Yearling All Breeds Bull Class.

Most of the cattle exhibited went on to the Royal in Christchurch.

Murray McCallum, Beef Judge at the Leeston Show, presents the All Breeds Challenge Shield for Best Yearling Bull to Colin Patterson.

— Photo: I.S.J.

TRANS-TASMAN APPOINTMENT

The Australian Simmental Association have appointed a Technical Director and Administrator replacing Mr Jim Davison who has been Secretary/Manager for several years.

Peter Speers was previously Principal Livestock Officer (Beef Cattle) for the M.A.F. in New South Wales and is widely known in the cattle industry in Australia. Peter is a graduate of Hawkesbury Agricultural College (N.S.W.) and has done post graduate work at both Hawkesbury and University of New England and has worked in Canada.

We wish him well in his new position and look forward to a continuing association with our Australian neighbours.

PETER Speers.

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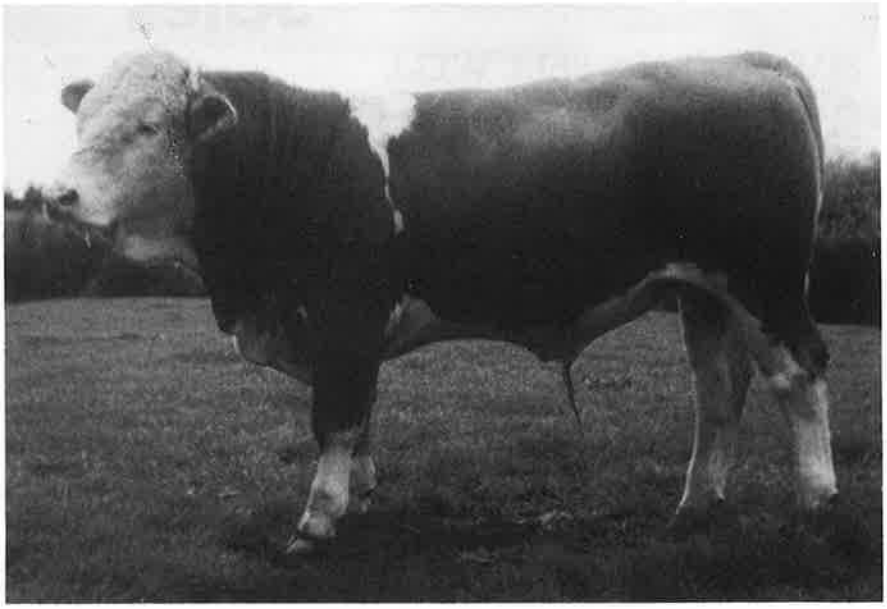

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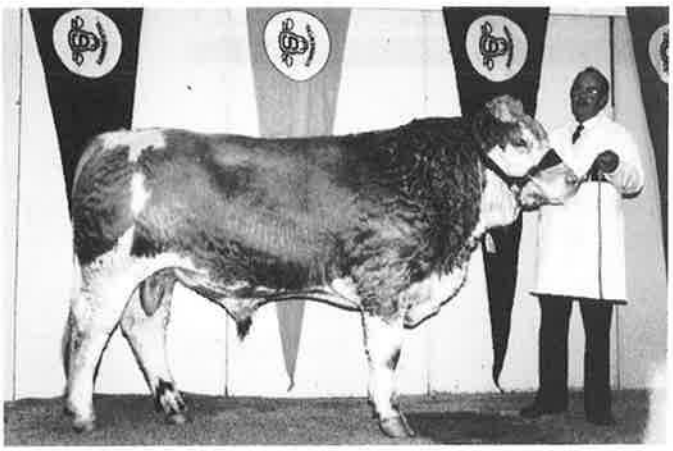
SIMMENTALS SELL WELL AT NORTH AND SOUTH ISLAND SALES

The Annual North Island Simmental Sale held at the Palmerston North Showgrounds on the 16th June returned highly satisfactory results. Twenty-five bulls and two heifers sold freely before a gallery of around four hundred people who attended from all over New Zealand.

This year bulls were judged prior to the Sale and a parade with commentary was held in a specially prepared parade ring for the first time. The champion entry was that of K. R. Hinton and family of Alexandra who brought two bulls to the North Island Sale, the first time South Island cattle have been presented at this Sale. Second place went to W. Gut of Kaponga, one of the early members of the Society with third place being taken by A. R. Jones of Feilding, a first time vendor.

The prize winning animals were offered first and the Hinton entry topped the Sale at $12,000. A beautifully structured bull of only twenty months by Hockenhull Magnum from England, he was purchased by Mr Anthony Plummer of Te Kouka Station of Dannevirke as a stud sire. It was befitting that Mr Hinton was recently awarded the prestigious Levels Challenge Trophy to the breed's promotion. This trophy is awarded annually.



'K.G.M. Tristram' top priced Bull at auction for 1987, sold by Ken Hinton of Alexandra, at Palmerston North for $12,000.
— Photo: Country Life.

Mr Gut's entry by E. S. Lyric, a Canadian bull realised $8,000 while Mr Jones entry by a Balig Agent sire sold at $6,000.

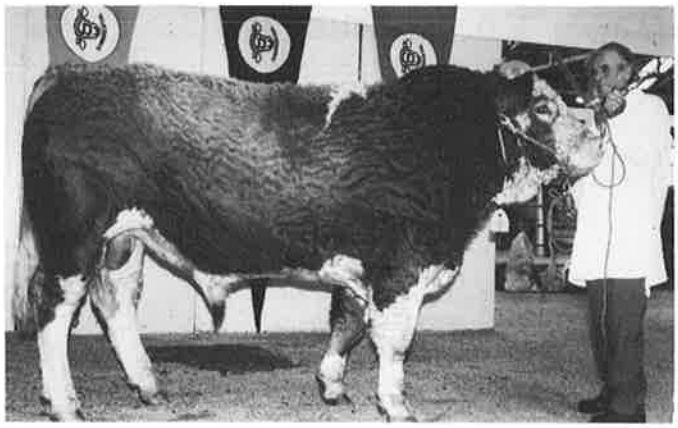
Second highest price of the day was $10,750 for a twentytwo month bull sold by T. J. Murphy of Waipukurau. This young sire had an on day weight of 994 kilograms (2,191 lbs) being one of the heaviest bulls for his age offered by the breed at auction.

He was purchased by Mr J. Dearden of Rochdale Station, Waipukurau.

The average price for the bull section was $4,410 compared to $3,660 at the same Sale last year two heifers sold at $3,000 and $2,800.

The Simmental Sale was the first of four sales to be held at the Palmerston North Selling Centre in the week. In previous years beef breed sales have been widely spread over several weeks. In the first year of this new format, facilities have been extensively upgraded by the A. & P. Association with pleasing results, and in 1988 it is planned to hold a 'Beef Week' with major breed stud sales held on each day with supporting trade exhibitions and events.

The North Island Simmental Sale average was $610 higher than the South Island Sale held at Christchurch earlier in the month.



Werner Gut with his $8,000 'E S Lyric' Bull sold at Palmerston North.
— Photo: Country Life.

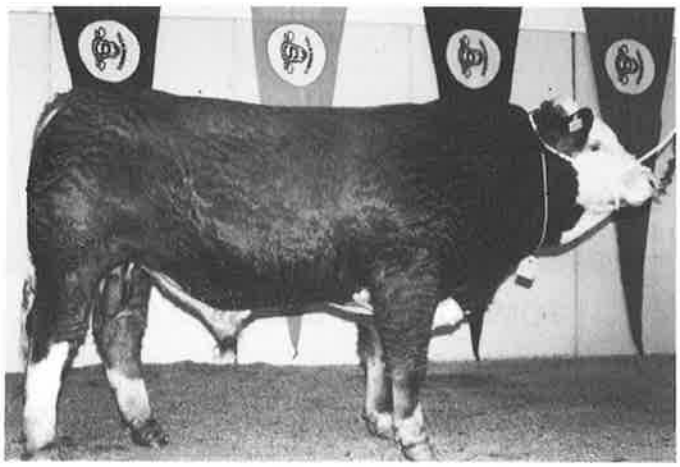
INDIVIDUAL VENDORS RESULTS

BULLS

Ailsa Farm Ltd. (Kimbolton) 1 at $3,000.
Mrs J. Arbon (Whatawhata) 1 at $3,000.
D. T. & N. Bates (Wanganui) 1 at $2,800.
R. W. Gibson (Tarras, S.I.) 1 at $3,200.
W. Gut (Kaponga) 1 at $8,000.
B. I. Harding (Waipukurau) 1 at $4,200.
K. R. Hinton (Alexandra, S.I.) 1 at $12,000, 1 at $3,500.
J. R. Houlbrook (Waipu) 1 at $4,500, 1 at $3,700.
A. R. Jones (Feilding) 1 at $6,000, 1 at $4,200.
Landcorp (Paekakariki) 1 at $3,200.
T. J. Murphy (Waipukurau) 1 at $10,750.
H. D. & J. S. McIntyre (Feilding) 1 at $2,700.
Otara Farms (Te Puke) 1 at $2,200.
G. G. Pearce (Putaruru) 1 at $5,200, 1 at $3,000.
J. B. Scott (Cambridge) 1 at $2,300, 1 at $2,500.
Wai-iti Rotomara (Masterton) 1 at $5,000, 1 at $3,500.
G. M. & R. H. Thomas (Opiki) 1 at $2,100.
A. H. & G. M. Thompson 1 at $4,500.
V. W. & D. G. Wills (Motiti Island) 1 at $3,700, 1 at $3,000.

HEIFERS

Mrs J. Arbon (Whatawhata) 1 at $3,500.
G. G. Pearce (Putaruru) 1 at $2,800.



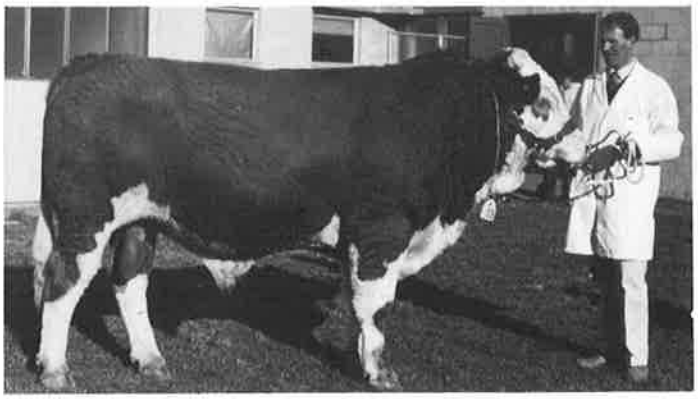
Allister Jones of Feilding sold this Bull for $6,000 at Palmerston North.
— Photo: Country Life.

Sales

FEMALE TOPS SOUTH ISLAND SALE

The Annual South Island Simmental Sale held at the Canterbury Showgrounds in Christchurch on the 4th June increased the average for bulls by $2,000 per head over the 1986 Sale. Twenty-six bulls grossed $98,800 giving an average of $3,800.

Top price of the day went to first time vendor at the South Island sale, Roger Caird of Pareora in South Canterbury. His twenty-one month old bull by well known Hawkes Bay sire L. J. B. Jade made $7,600 and was sold to Mr Frazer Moore of Gisborne. Mr Caird's sale also gave him the R. G. Macdonald Memorial Cup for the highest priced bull.



Top price Bull in Christchurch $7,600. Sold by Roger Caird of South Canterbury.

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Next highest price was $7,500 for a bull sold by E. W. Turrell of Kaituna, North Canterbury to A. W. & P. A. Duncan of Mossburn. Two others made $7,000.

The standard of entries was extremely good and all bulls sold through the ring.

Each alternate year the Pacific Freezing Co., (Hastings) Export Trophy is competed for in the South Island. It is awarded to the bext export type animal and 1987 saw it awarded to A. R. Midgley of South Canterbury. His BBA Galant sired bull realised $7,000 being purchased by A. R. Jones of Feilding.

Five heifers were also included in the catalogue and sold well. One rising three year old with a seven week old heifer calf at foot sold for an exciting $10,000. N. D. Oliver of Hororata, North Canterbury entered this most attractive pair which were bought by a southern syndicate of G. Paisley, R. Cockburn.

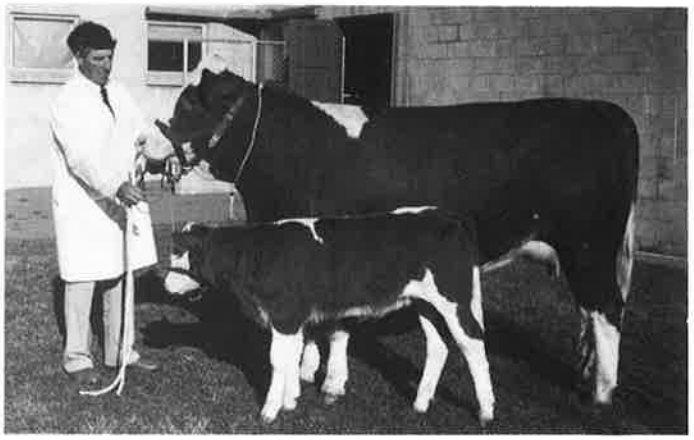
Individual vendor results were as follows:

BULLS

I. R. Caird (Pareroa) 1 at $7,600.
D. C. & M. J. Carter (Banks Peninsula) 1 at $3,200.
D. M. Elliott (Waimate) 1 at $2,800.
R. W. Gibson (Tarras) 1 at $3,000.
Groters/Daly Partnership (Cheviot) 1 at $3,400.
Guthrey Holdings (Amberley) 2 at $2,000, 1 at $2,400.
Mrs J. C. Hall (Hororata) 1 at $7,000.
K. R. Hinton (Alexandra) 1 at $2,400, 1 at $4,800.
Levels Farming (Timaru) 1 at $5,000, 1 at $4,800.
G. J. & J. O. Marshall (Banks Peninsula) 1 at $3,500.
A. R. Midgley (Timaru) 1 at $2,800, 1 at $7,000.
N. D. Oliver (Hororata) 1 at $3,700.
O. J. Osborne (Leeston) 1 at $3,000, 1 at $4,000.
A. T. Partridge (Ladbrooks) 1 at $2,400.
M. W. J. Patterson (Lakeside) 1 at $2,600.
Peak Hill (Rakaia Gorge) 1 at $3,000.
J. R. & S. E. Sutton (Waihaorung) 1 at $2,000.
E. W. Turrell (Kaituna) 1 at $7,500, 1 at $2,500.
I. G. & P. J. Wright (Loburn) 1 at $5,000.

HEIFERS

Guthrey Holdings (Amberley) 1 at $3,250, 1 at $2,200.
Groters/Daly Partnership (Cheviot) 1 at $2,600.
J. R. & S. E. Sutton (Waihaorunga) 1 at $3,000.
N. D. Oliver (Hororata) 1 with calf at $10,000.



N. D. & L. Olivers' top priced Heifer which sold for $10,000 at Christchurch in June.

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RISSINGTON

A wonderful sale was enjoyed by the Rissington Simmental Stud on account J. & S. Absolom (Napier) with 73 bulls fetching $208,900 to average $2,860.

This followed on from the Bar 5 sale on the property in April and the combined total of 112 animals in the two Rissington sales grossed $530,000 to average $4,732. This outcome shows just how popular Simmentals have become and the prominence of Rissington in introducing the breed to New Zealand.

Top price of $8,500 was paid by G. Kemp (Gisborne) for a son of the A1 bull Inheritor. G. Black (Waimate) paid $8,000 for one of L. J. B. Jade's daughters.

AILSA GR SIMMENTALS

A very good third annual sale was enjoyed by the Ailsa Farm Ltd Simmental Stud on account A. E. Miln (Feilding).

The 27 bulls offered were all sold, to gross $68,200 and average $2,525. They averaged 720kg and had a top price of $3,500, with bulls out of the district to Taranaki, King Country and Wairarapa.

The eight v.i.c. heifers were all sold to gross $11,500 and average $1,438, with a top price of $2,000 and sales all over the North Island.

SOUTHERN DISTRICTS CLUB (MOSSBURN)

At its annual Sale in May Club vendors offered 27 bulls which averaged $3,025. Top price was $6,000 for a Bar 5 Dignified bull offered by W. A. & P. Rouse. It was purchased by a Timaru breeder, J. J. Ford. Two other bulls from the same vendor made $5,000 and $4,600. L. C. McLachlan of Milton sold one for $5,500. The Sale was considered excellent with one of the highest averages of the season.

OWAKA SALE (NORTH OTAGO)

In a combined Simmental/Charolais annual Sale 11 simmentals averaged $2,590 with a top of $3,600. A number of the offering were seven-eighth bred and these sold to $2,600.

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Sales

WILLIE ECCLES (TE AROHA)

His second annual Sale was held on the 12th of June. Top price was for a Silvermoyle Nehemiah sired polled bull at $6,600. Average price of 2 year polled bulls was $2,320 and horned bulls $1,820. Buyers came from Whangarei in the North to Pahiatua in the South. A small offering of mixed aged cows averaged $1,150 — these all went to new breeders.

COLIN HUTCHING (DANNEVIRKE)

Colin held his first Sale in June offering 31 bulls. The average was $2,121 with a top price of $3,600 for a three quarter bred! Yet another successful Sale.

JIM HOULBROOKE (WAIPU)

In his third Sale Jim sold 24 bulls at an average of $2,508. Top price was $5,000 for an Extra bloodline bull.

T. & L. SLOANE (MATA, WHANGAREI)

Fourteen 2 year bulls sold at the Kauri Saleyards at an average of $1,582 and a top of $2,300.

BLACK'S BEACH (WAIROA)

At his first annual Sale held at Wairoa Alan Black sold twenty bulls in quick order for an average of $2,875. Bulls of his own breeding (10) faired well at $3,160. Top price for his Sale was $5,000 for a two year old bull by Pendeen Nijinski of Extra bloodline from a Hamlet based cow. Nijinski came from Mrs J. C. Hall's Pendeen Stud in Canterbury.

Some of Alan Black's Sale Bulls which met with a good market at his first sale at Wairoa (East Coast, N.I.).

MR DAVID SMITH

We are sorry to record the passing of David A. Smith of Tauranga. An early member of the Society (August 1973) David was well known to many of our members through his association with the livestock industry in the 1970's while based as a Stud Stock Agent at Masterton. His personal involvement with Simmentals started when he purchased a small rural block on the town boundary of Masterton — his herd was No. 224 with a prefix of Solway, his property overlooking the Solway Park Hotel.

Since leaving Masterton David has been based in Tauranga where he continued his association with the breed with a few cattle and a strong association with Simmentals in the area and their expansion. He was a frequent visitor to Motiti Island, base for a strong Simmental population. Always a cheerful obliging personality he will be missed by those many people who know him. We record our sympathy to his wife and family at his untimely death.

THE LEVELS (TIMARU)

At this first on farm auction the Cox family had a good Sale in May. Twenty-one bulls averaged $2,143 and eleven heifers $2,764. Bulls were mainly commercial. The top price was $4,000 for an Ignaz bull which was transferred to J. D. Graham of Parnassus. All the heifers were transferred and the top price was $5,000 for a Rissington Major heifer purchased by D. Tomlinson of Culverden.

Three generations of Coxs at the Levels Sale. L-R: Rodney Cox of Levels, Mr & Mrs Somers Cox of Geraldine and Miss Bridgette Cox (Levels). Also in the photo John Absolom (Napier) and Georgie Copping (Australia).

— Photo: I.S.J.

SOUTH CANTERBURY & NORTH OTAGO CLUB (TEMUKA)

In an excellent line at Temuka 26 bulls sold at an average of $2,542 with three making in excess of $4,000 (top $4,600, E. J. Parr, Fairlie). A very good Sale.

WAIKATO AND DISTRICTS CLUB (HAMILTON)

The first Club to hold their own Sale now in its seventh year held a good Sale. Thirty-one lots averaged $2,478. Top price was an excellent $7,500 for a Corhan Polonius (Hamlet) sired 2 year old sold by Mrs L. Jones of Taupo. It went to D. Wills of Motiti Island. Several bulls made $3,000 upwards.

K. R. HINTON, OMAKAU, CENTRAL OTAGO

At his third Sale 10 bulls made an average of $2,110 with a top price of $3,500. Seven females averaged $1,350. All were transferred to registered breeders.

1988 SALES

Sales dates for our two Sponsored Sales have been established. It has been decided that the Sales will be re-titled and will be called the North Island and South Island National Simmental Sales.

Following a successful change in format at the 1987 North Island Sale we will have a parade and judging at both Sales. The South Island Sale will be held on much the same basis as in the past but at Palmerston North will see a big upgrade in the format with a 'beef week' being established which will see five Sales held with allied trade displays and exhibits. Combined Breed Societies, Stock Firms and the Palmerston North A. & P. Association are working hard to make this a feature week which we feel sure will be most successful.

Sale Dates are as follows:-

SOUTH ISLAND NATIONAL: CHRISTCHURCH, 2ND JUNE.

NORTH ISLAND NATIONAL: PALMERSTON NORTH, 21ST JUNE.

Full entry details will be sent out early in 1988.

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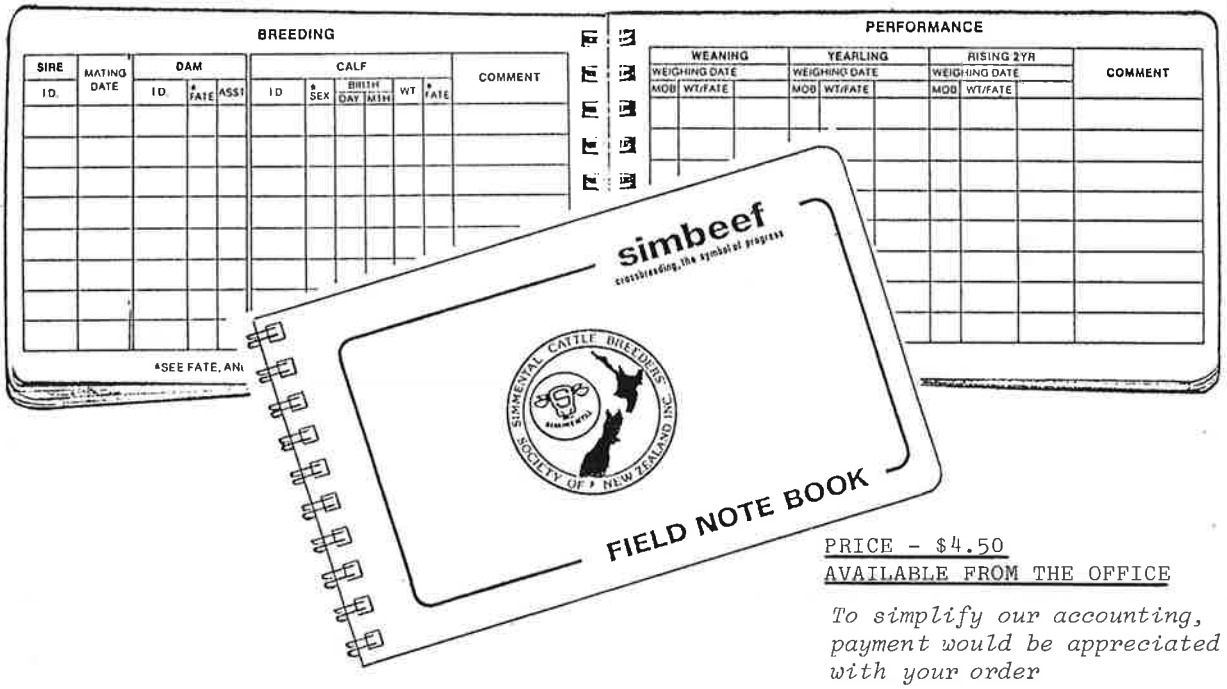

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Club News

TARANAKI ON THE MOVE

One of the first areas in the country to form a Simmental Club, Taranaki has gone through its highs and lows over the years. It is interesting to note that those few who got the Club going have mostly stuck with it and continue to breed Simmentals today. Initially quite a number of herds were set up, mainly with the objective of milking. This proved a difficult and often disappointing proposition for many as suitable sires with a milking bias were not then available and those involved tended unwisely to use their inferior cows for mating with a Simmental with predictable results - they did not match up to what they already had; the well established and proven Friesian. In the face of adversity they mostly gave it away. A few however had their objectives, knew what they were about and got on with it. These same people have quietly promoted the breed over the years and have started many of the breeders who are now establishing in the area.

Recently the Club decided they should hold a field day - the first for a number of years and the area chosen was Tikorangi, northwest of Inglewood. Les Marshall sold his dairy farm some three years ago and moved with his family to the Tikorangi district to establish a beef and sheep unit on a beautiful property of 500 acres.

Taranaki host Les Marshall talks to visitors about his farm and its management. At right is well known Simmental breeder Werner Gut of Kaponga who was one of the first Simmental breeders in the area.

— Photo: I.S.J.

With a north westerly aspect it is rolling hill country with small areas of bush. If the organisers had any worries about whether people would attend they were quickly dispelled as nearly forty people arrived for what proved to be an excellent field day held in brilliant weather. The Marshalls are Simmental enthusiasts who have started from scratch with an objective of a commercial Simmental herd and a small stud. They had to have cattle and the quickest and most economic way to get the Simmental was to buy cows and put them to a Simmental bull. The cows they bought were many and various but their objectives are already underway with good Simmental cross calves in abundance. During the day visitors held impromptu discussions as they looked at the cattle - sire selections, calving ease, colour marking, marketing - all good stimulating stuff and discussed sensibly and logically.

Simmental cross calves in front of the Marshall homestead at Tikorangi.

— Photo: I.S.J.

Field Day visitors lunch in idyllic surroundings in the Marshalls garden.

— Photo: I.S.J.

A tour was made of the property following a picnic lunch held in the lovely garden at the Marshall's homestead. During lunch Trevor Melville of Wrightson Dalgety, Stud Stock; gave a talk on Showing and Sale Presentation and then went on to demonstrate with a discussion using a purebred cow and calf.

The expansion of the breed in Taranaki and the re-kindled interest has been stimulated by the use of Simmental sire to produce dairy beef which has taken a long time to be accepted by the conservative dairy farming community. The milking factor is still there for those who are interested. Merit dairy Simmental semen has been made available from Europe in the area which is proving successful for those using it.

A group of Graded-up Heifers from Les Marshalls first calf drop.

— Photo: I.S.J.

The writer spent two days in the area following the field day and it was of great reward to see the progress being made on various properties in the area. There are some excellent Simmentals being bred in the area. Commercial cross breeders spoken to are enthusiastic about what is happening and with the support of the major stock firms which is now obvious, the breed is increasing its impact. The Simmental Club are following up strongly and this season will show cattle competitively and plan a commercial bull sale for next season for which plans are already being organised.

Sales

SIMBEEF

A clipping sent from **Dargaville** reports Simmental success at the annual chiller beef competition. Held in four sections with a total of eighty-seven entries the breed did well being placed in three section.
Class 1: Under 2 Year Heifers
Hoof: 4th Kahikatea Farms.
Hooks: 1st T. McDermott.
Class 2: Under 2 Year Ox (245kg)
Hoof: —
Hooks: 2nd Kahikatea Farms.
Class 3: Under 2 Year Ox (Export).
Hoof: 1st and 3rd K. Biddles.
Hooks: 1st K. Biddles
2nd T. McDermott

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From **Wanganui** (Fordell) we hear Des and Nan Bates did well with their weaners in April selling six steers at $417 topping the Sale. They also topped the heifer section at $244.

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Temuka in South Canterbury reports a good Sale (April) with Simmental cross weaners to the fore. Sixteen pens of Simmentals made $400 or more. The top 21 pens were all Simmental cross. E. J. Parr, a regular vendor topped the Sale at $480 (12) and averaged $460 for his 25 steer calves. Ray Gudex got second highest price at $455. The closest other breed brought $378.

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From the **Rotorua** area, Clive Billing had a good weaner sale with a top price of $359 for his Simbeef weaners in a market of 2,700 calves. It was the first time his calves have topped the Sale.

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Studholme Junction at **Waimate** also had good April sales and Bevan Hurst of Thanet Farm who has has continuing success did it again realising $470 for thirteen Simmental cross steers. Overland Farm also had a good sale at $390 as did W. N. Stewart at $412. Simmentals also topped the heifer market at $336 (A. G. & A. J. McKenzie).

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From **Masterton** in the Wairarapa. At their annual yearling fair 30 Simmental cross steers sold for $550 beaten narrowly for top price by 10 Charolais cross. The Simmentals were sold by P. McWilliam of Wai-iti.

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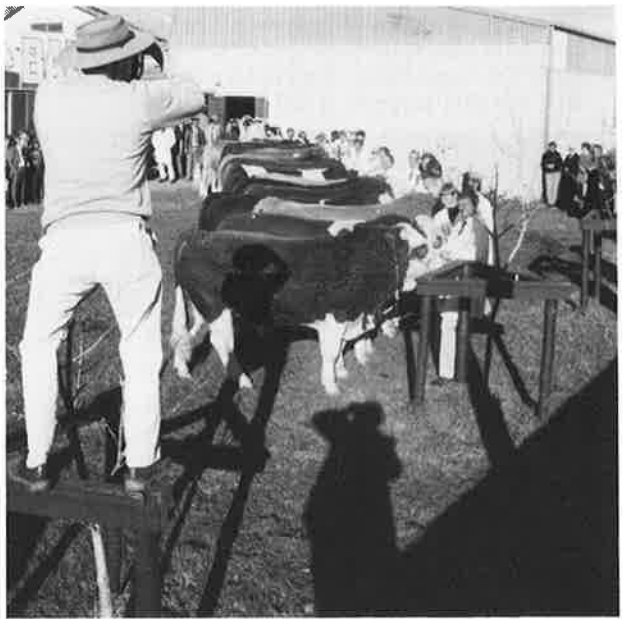
The **Dunedin** Winter Show sponsored by the Otago A. & P. Association is a very hotly contested steer competition which is held in May each year. Animals are judged on the hoof first and then auctioned. This year entries were selected at the Saleyards first, there being too many for the St. Kilda Stadium where final selection is made at an evening indoor function attended by a large gallery. In finality six or seven animals go through for judging in each class. Results were 'Simmental Excellent'!
Bullock Born before July, 1983
1st M. V. Dickie, Gore, (Champion of Show), (Simmental).
2nd J. Wallace, Taieri, (Heaviest Bullock), (Simmental).
3rd M. V. Dickie, Gore, (Simmental).
(In the class of seven, four were Simmental).
Bullock Born since July, 1983
1. A. Midgley, Timaru, twins, (Simmental).
2. J. Wallace, Taieri, (Simmental).
Steer with Milk Teeth (Rising 2 Year)
1st M. Ericson, Waikouaiti, (Angus/Hereford cross).
2nd D. Lindsay, Taieri, (Simmental).
3rd A. Chisholm, Taieri, (Simmental).
(The three other entries were also Simmental)
Heifer (Rising 2 Years)
1st D. Lindsay, Taieri, (Simmental).
2nd M. Ericson, Waikouaiti, (Angus).
3rd D. Lindsay, Taieri, (Maine Anjou).
Steer Butchers Class (2 Years)
1st I. B. Blair, Taieri, (Charolais Cross).
2nd A. Carruthers, Middlemarch, (Simmental).
3rd A. Chisholm, Taieri, (Simmental).
(Two of the three others were Simmental)
The steers sold at auction brought over $1,500 for top price. Most bought by butchers and freezing companies.



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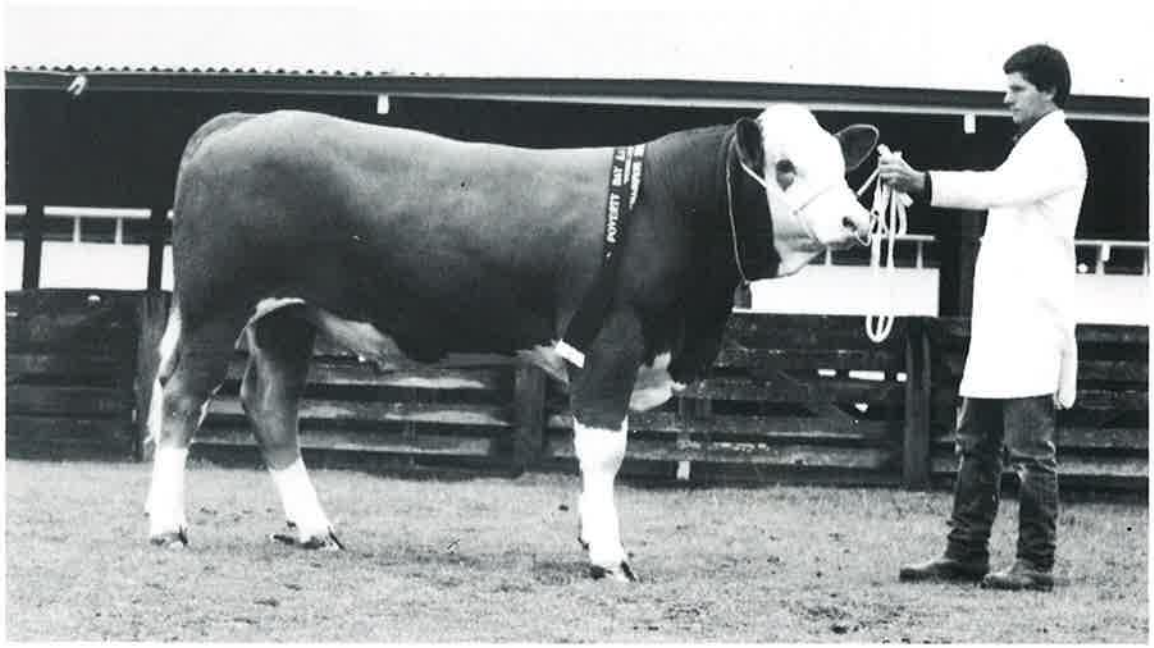

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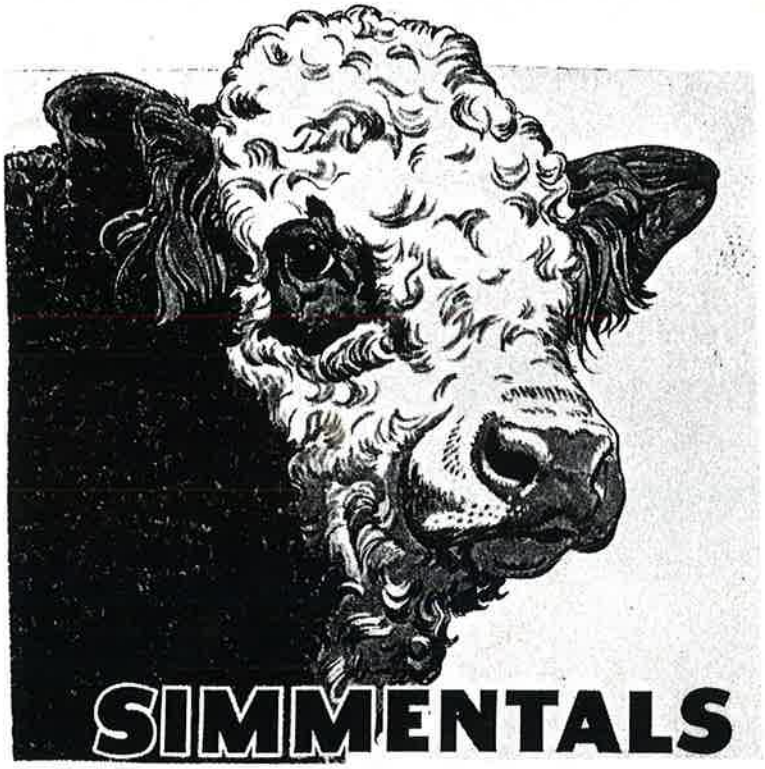

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