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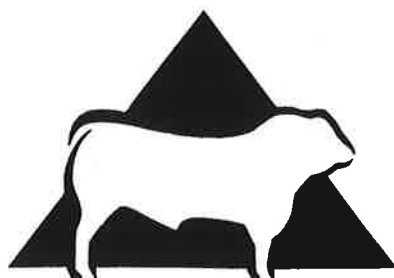


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Jim Mangnall, Yvonne Kingsland, Jeanette Smith.

EDITORIAL.

Christmas is nearly on us again, and 1990 has just flown by. But, what a year to remember for the Simmental Society. Without going into detail, all I can say is read this magazine and it will confirm what a wonderful year 1990 has been for the Breed.

It is very nearly a year since Ian Johnstone retired, so this means I have been sitting in the 'hot seat' for about the same time. The year has just flown by, so I must have enjoyed myself. My initiation to the Simmental Society has been made so much easier with all the assistance and advice I have received from all of the Councillors. They have been tolerant at my ignorance on some technical matters, and on the other hand, they have listened intently when I have suggested changes within the Society. It has been particularly comforting to have the President in Christchurch only a phone call away, and it would be remiss of me not to thank David Carter for all the help and advice he has given me. Perhaps it has been a case of 'the blind leading the blind'. Anyway, we have had lots of laughs amongst all the work.

I should thank all those Members that I have come in contact with that have tried to make me feel part of the 'Simmental family' My thanks also to the 'troops in the Office', Yvonne and Jeanette. Their assistance during the first year has been fantastic and I eagerly look forward to working with them in 1991. So sit back over the holiday and read this magazine, if you like it then drop me a line, if you do not like it then still write to us - your opinions are very important to our success.

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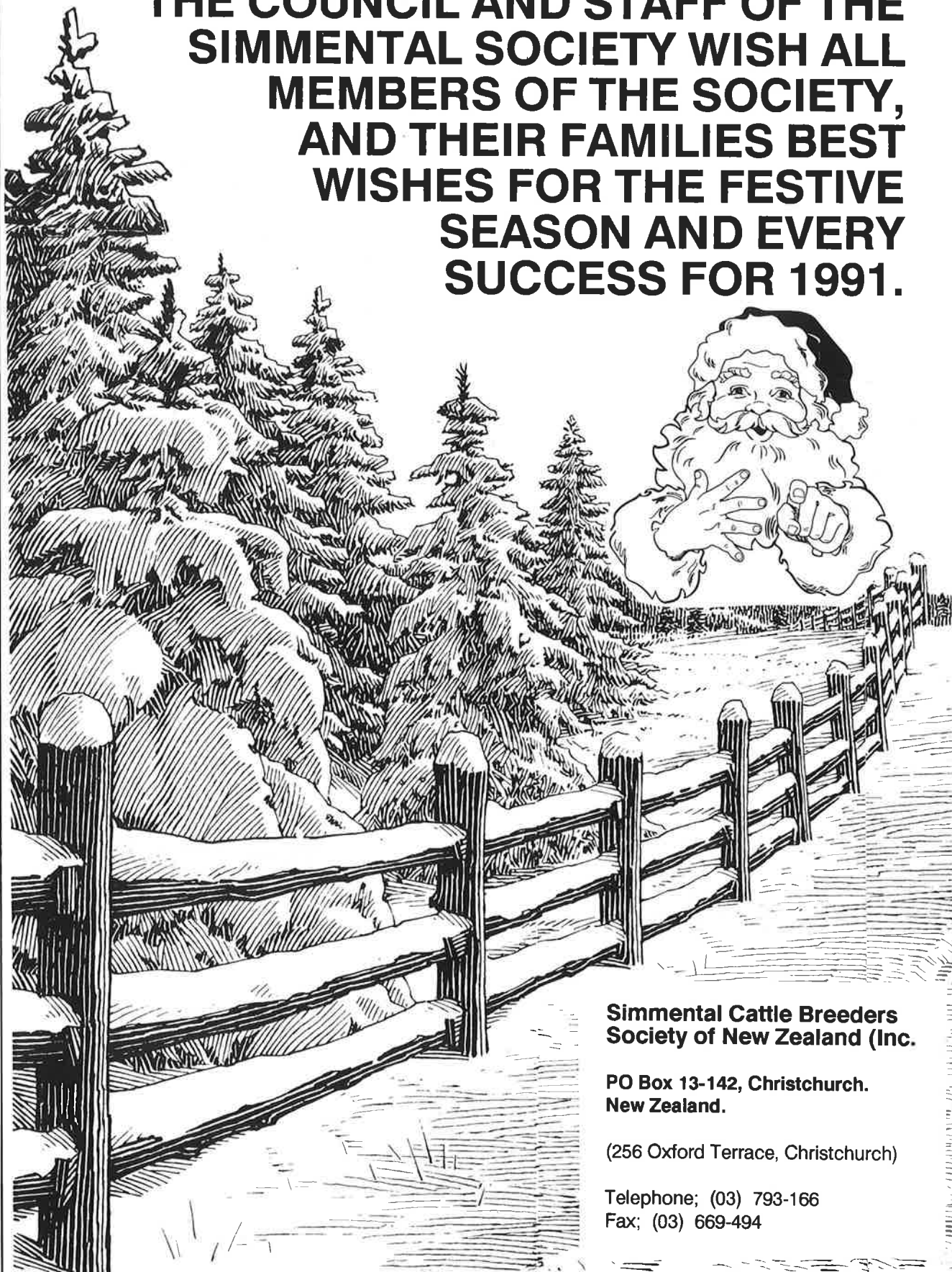
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OFFICE HOURS DURING CHRISTMAS 1990 AND NEW YEAR 1991.

So that Annual Holidays can be taken the Simmental Office in Christchurch will observe the following hours over the Christmas/New Year holiday period.

OFFICE CLOSSES FOR HOLIDAY PERIOD:

**5.00pm Thursday 20
December 1990.**

OFFICE REOPENS FOR NORMAL BUSINESS:

**8.30am Monday 21
January 1991.**

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STAMPEDE by Jerry Palen



So I said, "If you're really Santa Claus, where are all those bull buyers you promised me last year?"

FROM THE PEN OF THE PRESIDENT.

As 1990 passes, I will be very satisfied with the progress the Simmental Society has made for the year. But that progress will not be enough for the rest of the decade, and I am hopeful that the developments you are going to see during early 1991, will give you the satisfaction of knowing your Society is **'cooking with gas'**.

In my last Presidents column, I spoke of complacency. Nothing is ever achieved without hard work, and we must all keep that in mind. As we approach our calf weaner sales, we must at all times be aware that our opposition is also selling a good product. However, the product we are trying to sell, **must** be better. Not only must this be fact, but we must firmly believe in it, and enthusiastically tell everybody.

Let me review 1990. We commenced the year under the guidance of a new General Manager, Jim Mangnall. Thank you Jim, for the manner in which you have approached this new challenge. There have been a number of changes to the office paper-flow, all of which, I believe have enabled the office and the breeder to achieve greater efficiency. My thanks also to the membership as a whole for your ready acceptance of Jim. Change is not always easy to accept, but sometimes there is no alternative. I can report that our predecessor, Ian Johnstone has happily settled into retirement and has purchased a block of land just north of Christchurch. Other office changes include the departure of Ann Boyce, and the promotion of Jeanette Smith to a permanent position. To Jeanette and to Yvonne Kingsland, thank you for your continued devotion to our Society.

Our National Sale was held in Palmerston North during Beef Bull Week. The line up of animals was a credit to the Vendors and it was a great thrill to be present when the top bull, Wai-iti Rotomara X-Roads was purchased by Hugh McIntyre for \$30,000.00. In total 22 bulls were put up for auction, and every animal sold. The average was just under \$7,000.00 which was \$1,700.00 higher than the previous best. Another interesting factor relating to our National Sale was that not one Simmental bull was passed in, and this is something that no other breed could boast about.

The climax to 1990 has to be the Simmental showing at the Waikato Royal Show. We achieved the highest number beef entries. The line-up was as good as one would see anywhere in New Zealand. Then in the Interbreed competitions, of which there were nine, we triumphed in seven. A remarkable effort, and my thanks and congratulations to all the exhibitors.

1990 saw a National Election, but for our Society, perhaps of more importance, was a Council election. The membership saw fit to return the three incumbent Councillors, but my thanks to Tony Plummer for his enthusiasm in offering himself for election. We need healthy competition within our ranks to keep our Society alive. And in the future we need fresh blood onto our Council. I predict a number of retirements from our Council over the next three years. Who's going to offer themselves for election ??

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to wish every Member of our Society and their families, my sincere good wishes for a Very Merry Christmas and a Very Prosperous and Happy New Year.

David Carter,
President.

Christchurch.
November 1990.

CHANGES TO USE OF TRANSFER CERTIFICATES AND REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES.

Another change effective from 1 August 1990 concerns the Registration Certificates. Previously when a Breeder sells an animal a Transfer Certificate was completed and this was sent to the Office for the transfer to be recorded in the computer. From 1 August 1990 this requirement is cancelled and the procedure for the transfer of animals will be as follows;

- a. On selling an animal, the Breeder/Owner should complete the following details on the reverse side of the REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE.
 1. The price the animal was sold for.
 2. Name of purchaser, together with full postal address.
 3. Herd number of the new owner (if known)
 4. The vendor's signature, just to verify the Sale and also confirming the correctness of the information in 1, 2 & 3 (above).
- b. The Registration Certificate should then be sent to the Simmental Office in Christchurch.
- c. The Simmental Society staff will then process the Transfer of Ownership of the animal through the computer.
- d. A NEW Registration Certificate will be printed by the computer and this will be forwarded to the NEW OWNER. The old certificate showing the sale details will be retained in the Simmental Office for record purposes.

It should be noted that the Registration Certificates will not be sent to a new owner until the vendor is confirmed as being a financial member of the Simmental Society. (ON THE INSTRUCTION OF THE SIMMENTAL COUNCIL THIS POLICY WILL BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO). Instruction Sheets will be written and will be sent out to all Breeders during each stage of the systems outlined in this document. However, if any Breeders strikes a problem or is confused by the new systems, please do not hesitate to telephone the office. SINCE THE ORIGINAL ADVICE OF CHANGES TO THE BEEFPLAN RECORDING SYSTEM WERE

CIRCULATED TO BREEDERS IN JULY, A NEW STOCK OF CERTIFICATES HAS BEEN PRINTED AND THE INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR THE TRANSFER OF ANIMAL WHEN IT IS SOLD IS SHOWN CLEARLY ON THE REVERSE SIDE.



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THE COUNCIL FOR 1991.



▲ John P. Absolom

Farms the well known Rissington property which has the largest herd of Simmentals in the country. The property is an extensive hill country holding and also maintains a sheep flock and a small Angora herd. The Rissington Stud was founded in 1972 (Breeding females 383). John was elected to Council in 1984.

Rodney N.S. Cox

An inaugural member of the Society he farms at the Levels near Timaru on an arable property carrying a Romney stud, cropping and one of the largest (and one of the original) Simmental herds in the South Island (Breeding females 75). The Levels imported some of the first pure-breds brought to New Zealand. Elected to Council 1972 until 1984. Re-elected 1989.



▲ David C. Carter

Farms a hill country property in the Lyttelton Harbour basin, a high country property near Kaikoura as well as having business interests in Christchurch. The Avon Park Stud was established in 1974 and incorporated the Harlau herd in 1981. (Previously owned by R.H. Kerr). The stud is run on the Lyttelton property. (Breeding females 91). David joined the Council in 1984.



L.E. (Lachie) McLachlan

Administers a large farming complex near Outram in Otago running a large sheep flock, commercial cattle and a Simmental stud which was established in 1984 and held its first annual bull sale this year. (Breeding females 55). Lachie joined the Council in 1986.

J.D. (Don) Graham

Farms in hill country at Parnassus in North Canterbury. Established the Waingaro herd in 1974 while living near Timaru. (Breeding females 130). Don selected some of the first Simmentals from England to come to New Zealand. He was first elected to Council in 1979.



Alan B. Perry

From Rongotea near Palmerston North where he has farmed all his life, Alan has diversified his farming interests from a large pastoral and cropping property to a smaller concentrated unit running deer, horticulture and his Waimiro Simmental stud which was founded in 1973. (Breeding females approximately 20). Elected to Council in 1982.



John B. Scott

Farms a hill country property overlooking Karapiro near Cambridge which runs a sheep flock and the Puketawa Simmental stud which was founded in 1973. (Breeding females 128). John joined the Council in 1986.

Woody A. Rouse

Farms at Five Rivers in Central Southland and has bred Simmentals since 1975 when the East Dome Stud was founded. (Breeding females 61). His property is mixed hill and flat and runs a Romney flock, commercial cattle and some agriculture. Elected to Council in 1986.



ABOUT THAT OVERDRAFT.

With finance and property companies collapsing around our ears, perhaps it's time to take a long hard look at your bank manager - eye to eye, rather than the usual view of his highly polished shoes as you prostrate yourself before him in the hope of marginally increasing your overdraft. (This scenario was adapted from an article printed in 'THE AUSTRALIAN'.)

BANK MANAGER. Ah, Mrs Underfoot - please sit down. Coffee?. Now I'm not too sure why you asked to come in, but I notice your business account is \$12,512 this morning against an agreed facility of \$12,000. I was going to drop you a line about it, but since you're here, perhaps we could discuss it now.

MRS UNDERFOOT. Actually my visit wasn't really about that. I have a cheque here in my favour of \$125,881 which my Aunt left me as the sole beneficiary of her estate. It was about.....

BANK MANAGER. (Zapping around to the front of the desk where he perches in a friendly informal manner). Wonderful, wonderful. Perhaps we could.....

MRS UNDERFOOT. Just a moment please, I came here to discuss with you whether I should lodge this cheque with your bank.

BANK MANAGER. But my dear Mrs Underfoot, you've assured me in the past that you have no account with any other bank.

MRS UNDERFOOT. Indeed I haven't, but it occurred to me that I might open one now.

BANK MANAGER. (Returning with measured steps to his chair behind the desk). Come now Mrs Underfoot. We have supported you in the past. Don't you think you should pay the cheque in here?.

MRS UNDERFOOT. Well the first question I want to ask is "What will you do with it"?

BANK MANAGER. I would credit it to your account of course. You might open an investment account with some of it, but as a first step it would be credited to your current account.

MRS UNDERFOOT. I don't think you fully understand me. What I want to know is what the will do with my cheque. When you have been prepared to let me have an advance in the past, you have always required a fully documented case with cashflow forecasts, repayment schedules -

the whole caboodle. I thought you might like to let me have a similar statement.

BANK MANAGER. I don't think I could let you have that. Your money would become part of the bank's general funds, to be dealt with in the usual way.

MRS UNDERFOOT. But that's what's worrying me. How much has the lent for risky ventures?. How much money has it invested in the share market and in which companies?. Some of them are not very secure you know.

Have you, or do you ever intend to become involved in lending in Mexico? Poland? Argentina? I read in the paper the other day that in order to prevent the collapse of the world banking system and to save banks from bankruptcy, the only way out is to lend these countries more money so they can pay the interest on their loans.

I want to be very sure you are not going to put my money into an investment company on the point of collapse, or send it to South America. I thought you'd be keen to give me the same kind of assurances about the use of my cheque, that you have always required from me.

BANK MANAGER. (Shattered silence).

MRS UNDERWOOD. (Warming to her task). Well, let's forget that for the moment. What security are you offering?.

BANK MANAGER. Ah Well. The bank itself

MRS UNDERFOOT. Yes, that could be on. I presume you mean just this branch, not the whole of the bank. I've look at the outside and with the bank's rooms and offices on the other three floors of the building. I think that subject to valuation, this might be an acceptable security. You'd have to pay the valuation fee of course.

BANK MANAGER. I think you misunderstand me Mrs Underfoot. What I meant was that the standing of the bank itself was sufficient security.

MRS UNDERFOOT. I seem to remember that you rejected out of hand a statement I made about myself to that effect. But let us move on. I shall of course, require the person guarantees of the directors of the bank.

BANK MANAGER. That would be out of the question.

MRS UNDERFOOT. Well then, what about YOUR PERSONAL guarantee. I see from the phone book that you have a home in Fendalton and subject to the extent of any prior charges, a second mortgage on that property might be acceptable.

BANK MANAGER. (Incapable of speech).

MRS UNDERFOOT. (Consulting her notebook). Well we can return to that point later when you've had time to consider it

further. You mentioned putting my money in an investment account.

That could be acceptable, depending on the security you can offer. I think perhaps three percent above the base rate would be about right, don't you think.

BANK MANAGER. The bank's rate on these accounts is 11.5% at the moment and we could pay up to 13.5% on a fixed term deposit. You see there has to be a difference between the rate at which we borrow and the rate at which we lend to cover our costs. I'm afraid we just can't afford to pay any more.

MRS UNDERFOOT. My dear Mr Topdog. I couldn't afford to pay the 22% you were recently charging me - and said so, on more than one occasion - but you said it wasn't a question of what I could afford. You said that was the bank's rate, and that if you were to tell the bank's directors I couldn't afford the rate of interest and wouldn't be able to service the loan, then the facility would not be approved. That was exactly what you said. I think you must agree that nothing you have come up with this morning has been very satisfactory. I suspect the bank has put money into some very risky loans in the past but you are unable to give me any assurances that it wouldn't be putting my money into areas which could well be equally doubtful.

It seems you have no security that you are willing to offer and are reluctant to give me any personal guarantees. On your own admission, the bank is unable to afford to pay a rate of interest which gives me any real rate of return. I suggest you reconsider your position very carefully and if you can come up with something more realistic, you could submit your revised proposals to me for appraisal. In the meantime, thanks for the coffee. **GOOD MORNING.**

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BSE FORCES UNITED KINGDOM FIRMS TO LOOK TO NEW ZEALAND.

The 'mad cow disease' scare in Britain is forcing UK interests to look to NZ for surgical catgut and scrapie-free livestock. A British company has been in contact with NZ MAF about importing NZ sheep into the UK as the basis of a guaranteed scrapie-free flock. At least one British company has made inquiries in NZ and Australia for intestines (used to produce surgical catgut). Britain's Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries

and Food has bought NZ heifers to establish a clean experimental herd and is likely to buy more over the next two years. British fears about eating beef are also said to be pushing up returns on NZ sheep meat. Meat Board industry services manager, Brian Joyce, reported in May that the unusually buoyant prices for lamb and mutton were due to the British consumer boycott of beef.

MAF Quality Management's National Animal Health Adviser, Dr Stuart MacDairmid, said he expected more inquiries like this as 'mad cow disease' or bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) continued to occur in Britain. BSE is the equivalent in cattle of scrapie in sheep. The disease has occurred as a result of meatmeal made from sheep offal, infected with the scrapie agent, being fed to cows. The disease causes vacuoles or holes to appear in brain tissue. In other words, the brain appears 'spongy' under a microscope, which gives the disease its name in cattle.

BSE was first found in Britain in 1986, but public concern was not an issue until earlier this year when a case of spongiform encephalopathy was diagnosed in a cat. The passage across the species barrier immediately raised fears that BSE might also be passed from cattle to people. This sparked the consumer boycott of beef. UK politicians, bureaucrats and scientists have been vying to have their views heard. Some say there is not a scrap of evidence that humans can be infected with BSE, but others say that the long incubation period of the disease means that it could be years before firm assurances could be given. However, the best information available suggests that BSE does not spread from animal to animal among herds, or from animals to people.

NZ does not have scrapie and, therefore, does not have BSE. NZ and Australia are the only significant sheep rearing countries that are free of scrapie.

Further inquiries from Simmental Society Members can be made by writing to:

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MAF.
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WELLINGTON.

(The above article appeared in the 'SENTINEL', journal of the National Agriculture Security Service.)

THE PRINCIPLE OF BROOKDALE SIMMENTALS OF WINTON, SOUTHLAND TAKES ON A LIFETIME PARTNER. MARRIED ON 7 APRIL 1990.



Bridegroom: Geoff Donald. Bride: Sheryl McLean.

Left Column/Front to Back: Julie Anderson, Lachie McLachlan, Duncan McLachlan
Right Column/Front to Back: Janet McLachlan, Andrew McLachlan, Tony Anderson.

(Ed's Note: I am sure that I speak for all of the Society Members, wishing Geoff and Sheryl many years of happiness).

APPROVED TATTOO LETTERS

The following Tattoo letters were approved at the July Council Meeting.

1989 = Y

1990 = Z

1991 = A

1992 = B

1993 = C

1994 = D

1995 = E

1996 = F

1997 = G

1998 = H



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HOW CORRECT DOES THE SKELETON HAVE TO BE.

By Dr. Bob Kropp, Oklahoma State University.

The confirmation of the bovine limbs is a matter of considerable economic importance; however, it is often impossible to estimate the economic losses resulting from poor structural correctness. The number of good cattle that have to be discarded or that gradually decline in production and health because of bad feet and legs is much larger than is generally realized. Certainly monetary losses resulting from premature culling, development of necessary replacements as well as the expense of treatment, places structural correctness as one of the important considerations in the selection of breeding stock.

Certain deviations from the accepted norm have come to be regarded as faults which seriously handicap the animal in the show ring and decrease its sale value. The question still remains as to whether the 'incorrectness' actually interferes materially with the efficiency of the beef animal.

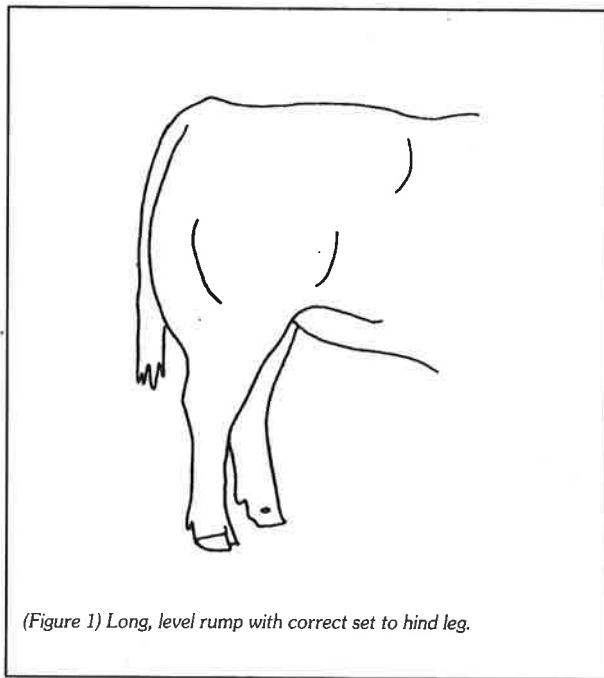
Faulty limb confirmation may or may not be an unsoundness in itself but is often cited as a predisposing factor in the development of diseases of the joints, tendons and hoofs. However, as long as these structural faults are regarded as such by the industry, poor limb conformation will continue to present a real problem to the breeder.

Much of the scientific work done on the relationship of confirmation and lameness in cattle has been done in Europe and primarily with dairy cattle. Limited discussion is available as to limb conformation but a rather complete work on lameness in cattle has been written (Greenough, MacCallum and Weaver, 1972). Much of the discussion to follow was developed from various judging manuals, a textbook on judging dairy cattle (Trimberger, 1977), limited scientific articles and the textbook on cattle lameness (Greenough, MacCallum and Weaver, 1972). I am sure that the material presented is not complete; however, I hope that the information and discussion will be of help to cattlemen.

Few animals have perfect confirmation. Proper balance and conformation add to the beauty of the animal and ultimately to the sale value. Proper conformation, as

commonly accepted, can be described as follows;

1. The front legs should be straight and placed straight at the toe.
2. The rear legs should have a moderate set which should give enough spring to the leg to provide well coordinated movement and to carry the weight properly. A plumb line dropped straight down from the pin bone at the point of the animals tailhead should intersect the hock and dew claw of the rear leg. The hocks and other joints should remain clean and free of any unnatural fullness.
3. The feet should be moderately large with well-rounded toes carried close together with considerable depth and width of heel. The foot should provide for a sound foundation.
4. The pasterns should be medium in length and strong but springy. They absorb considerable shock which tends to irritate the joints of the hock and foot. When viewed from behind, the entire leg structure should be wide apart and nearly straight.



(Figure 1) Long, level rump with correct set to hind leg.

Due to the complexity of structure involved in the feet and legs, many deviations exist. These may change with age and/or environmental conditions. Most of the lameness in cattle is apparently non-genetic in origin and involves the feet. A foot which is extremely shallow becomes flat and allows various infections, particularly those associated with hoof rot, to gain access to the soft tissue of the hoof and thus, ultimately cause problems. A bad foot can exert considerable influence on the shape of the leg, especially with advancing age of the

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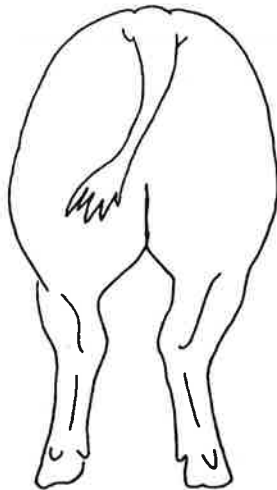
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animal.

However, bad leg confirmation can also have a definite effect on the shape of the feet, the wear of the feet and the distribution of the animal's weight.

In cattle, the most prevalent deviation of the hind leg is the cow-hocked condition (in at the hocks and out at the toes) (Fig 2). This results in undue strain on the joints. If the rear legs are too close to the hocks, the weight of the animal is distributed at a bad angle on the hock and pastern joints. This condition is not extremely severe and lameness resulting from cow-hocks is not common; therefore, discrimination in selection is primarily due to appearance rather than functional ability.

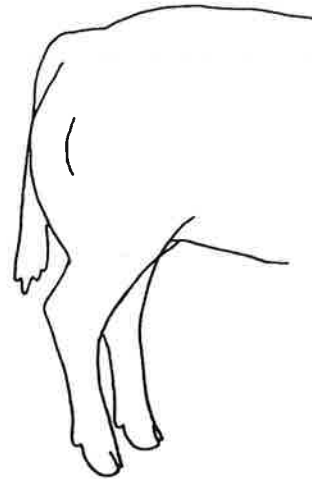


(Figure 2) "Cow-hocked" or "In at the Hocks."

Sickle-hocked (Fig 3), another hind leg fault, refers to the angle at which the tibia and metatarsus (cannon-bone) are set at the point of the tarsus or hock. When the hind leg is set at such an angle that the cannon bone extends far under the belly, the leg is said to have a sickle appearance when viewed from the side. This condition results in weakness in the leg, therefore it is an important consideration.

In the camped-under position, the weight is shifted from the toes to the heel resulting in the toes not being in wear and becoming elongated. In slight cases, the hock angle varies from 130 to 135 degrees. However, as the angle becomes much smaller (120 degrees) the sickle-hocked condition becomes much more severe and walking becomes a problem even though environmental conditions may play a major role in the severity of the sickle-hock condition, it appears to be a multiple-gene, inherited trait.

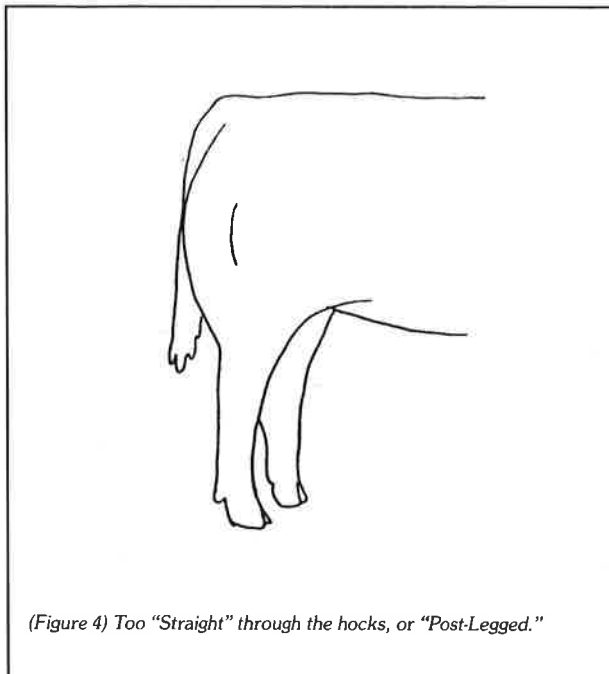
Frequently sickle-hocked cattle are also incorrect in their rump structure. Man's idea of beauty in the bovine long ago insisted that the rump of cattle should be level, in spite of the fact that most species of animals possess sloping rumps. The lack of a level rump has been particular discriminated against in selection partly because it was considered unsightly and partly because some evidence suggested poor natural breeding performance. A sloping rump was thought to be correlated with an inclined udder floor in dairy cattle, however, research data has shown no significant effect of udder floor inclination on milk production.



(Figure 3) Too much "Set to the Hocks," or "sickle-hocked." Also "drooped" in the rump.

Nevertheless, cattle with level rumps had much greater sales value than animals with sloping rumps, other points being equal, primarily because the levelness of rump was associated with correct type. Certain opinions also exist that calving difficulty occurs in cattle with sloping rumps. However, more data exists to suggest that cattle with weak loins and high tailheads have increased calving difficulty and are more susceptible to infection due to improper draining. In contrast to the sickle-hocked appearance, the post-legged condition (Fig 4) describes a rear leg that is too straight. In this situation, the shock absorbing action of the hock and pastern is lost. The increased angle of the hock, up to as much as 170 degrees, causes the animal to move stiffly with the bones being driven together on every step. This results in lameness due to inflammation of the joints. In the early stages, some puffiness can be observed around the hock joint; and inflammation develops in advancing stages.

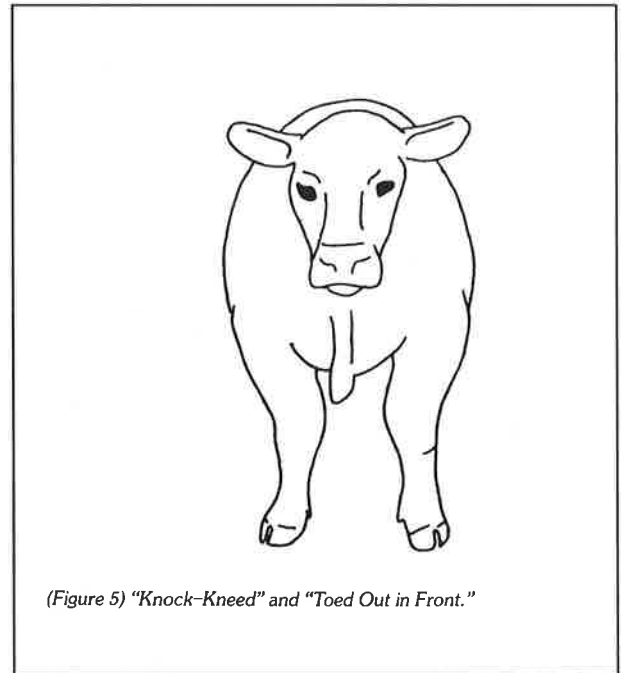
The condition is much more serious in service-aged bulls since they carry more weight and the hind legs may buck forward in the hock during service. This will produce tremendous strain and ultimate lameness, limiting the usefulness of a bull. An extremely large, heavy bull may respond to the condition by shifting his weight from side to side. As the condition becomes more pronounced, an increased frequency of weight shifting can be observed and walking and even standing becomes much more difficult.



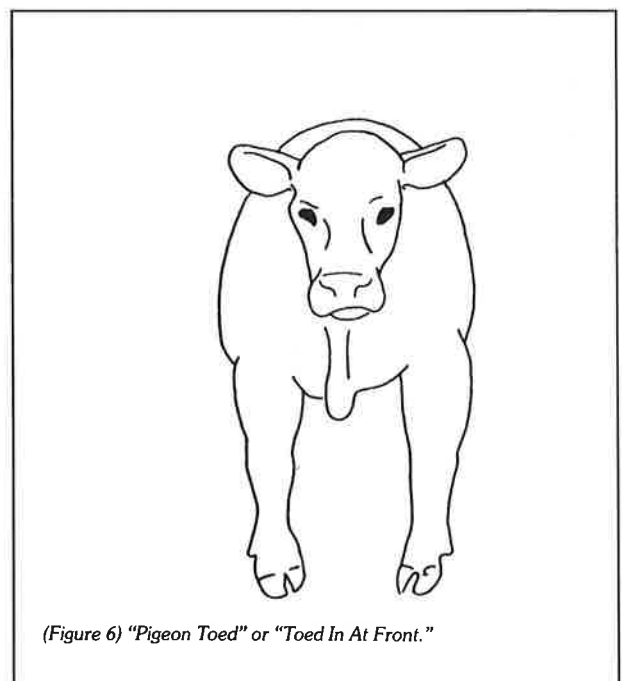
Even more serious is the fact that the post-legged syndrome is highly heritable; therefore, the bull's offspring may exhibit this condition. Even though the relationship of the upper limb conformation to disease is confused, it is thought that spastic paresis, a progressive condition of unknown causes affecting one or both hind legs, is associated with abnormal straightness of the hock. Invariably, animals with spastic paresis will have straight rear legs with the hock joint exceeding 150 degrees. Some noted cases have approached 180 degrees. Affected cases initially show a stiffness of the limb and a tendency for the limb to become rigid. The limb is kept extended backward slightly longer than normal, and over extension of the hock is obvious. This condition is inherited and must be treated surgically. The irony of the situation is that the selection of level rumps and straight hind legs for the show ring and club calf market may result in the most severe structural fault we have in cattle.

In regard to the front limbs, the most common deviations are splay-footed (toes out) (Fig 5) and pigeon-toed (toes in) (Fig

6). It has been generally assumed that the splay-footed condition develops in response to the animal turning it's leg to distribute the body weight more uniformly on the bottom of the hoof. It is often associated with animals exhibiting a narrow chest floor; however, some evidence does exist for definite inherited causes for the condition. Severity tends to increase with age.

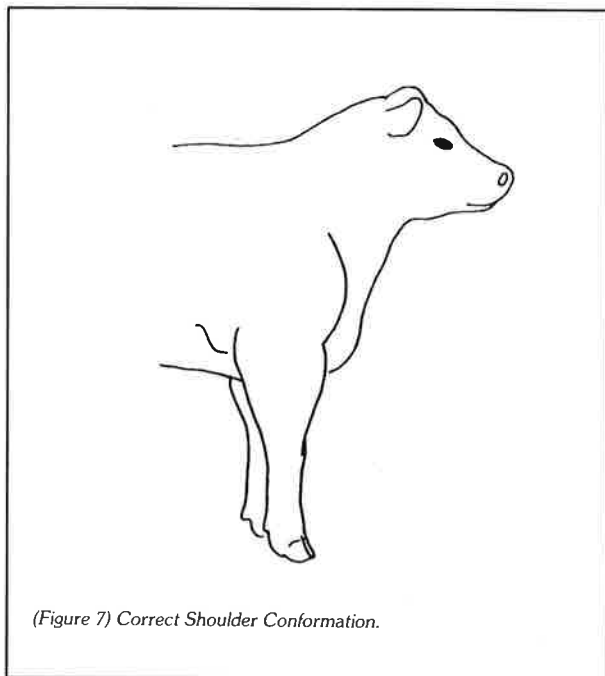


Nevertheless, beef cattle which toe out in front appear to have little, if any, structural soundness problems. The other deviation, pigeon-toed is also inherited, but it is not as common. Most problems related to this condition are associated with uneven tow and, in severe cases, a coarseness in the shoulder region and inflammation of the joints.



These later situations may lead to limited usefulness of the individual, especially in bulls.

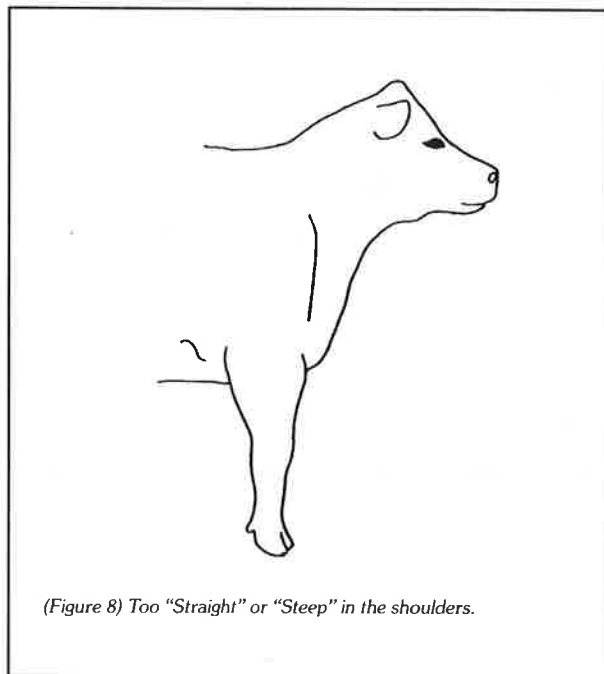
While feet and leg structure, especially the hind legs, is considered important in selection, it is difficult factually to related bad limb conformation to specific limb diseases. Problems in front limb conformation may cause problems in shoulder conformation and vice versa. Proper shoulder angle and placement (Fig 8) add greatly to ease of movement and strength of cattle. Certain shoulder problems may cause cattle to tire excessively and therefore, limit the animal's ability to graze effectively or walk long distances. The ideal shoulder should be laid in smoothly and close to the body; however, it should show some strength and muscling in the forearm region. The top of the shoulder should be reasonably level with the top of the hip. When viewed from the side, a long sloping shoulder is desirable.



(Figure 7) Correct Shoulder Conformation.

Less perfect conformation of the shoulder includes; coarse and open shoulders, wing shoulders, and steep shoulders (Fig 7). Opinion does exist regarding the relationship of coarse open shoulders and calving difficulty; however, there is limited information in the literature concerning the relationship between shoulder conformation and cattle lameness. As previously mentioned, most lameness in cattle is probably of non-genetic origin. Nevertheless, there are some conditions in which inherited factors may play a role, but they have received little scientific investigation. In beef cattle production, the

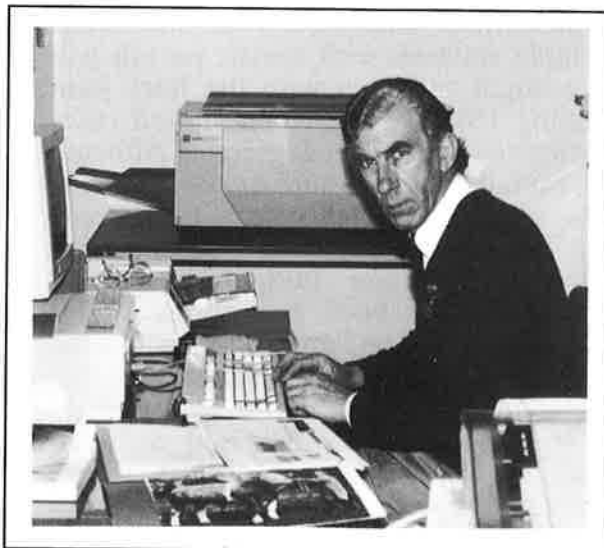
primary objective of any selection program is to increase the production of red meat. It has become apparent that as the degree of muscling increases, correct skeletal structure becomes much more important.



(Figure 8) Too "Straight" or "Steep" in the shoulders.

Without question, the swine industry has been able to increase muscle and decrease fatness, but in the process, they encountered increased farrowing difficulties, increased fertility problems and increased structural unsoundness. How do we increase red meat production but keep muscle in a package that is functionally sound and reproducible? That is the challenge facing Purebred cattle breeders today.

(The Simmental Society of New Zealand gratefully acknowledges the courtesy of the Canadian Simmental Society for allowing us to reprint this article).

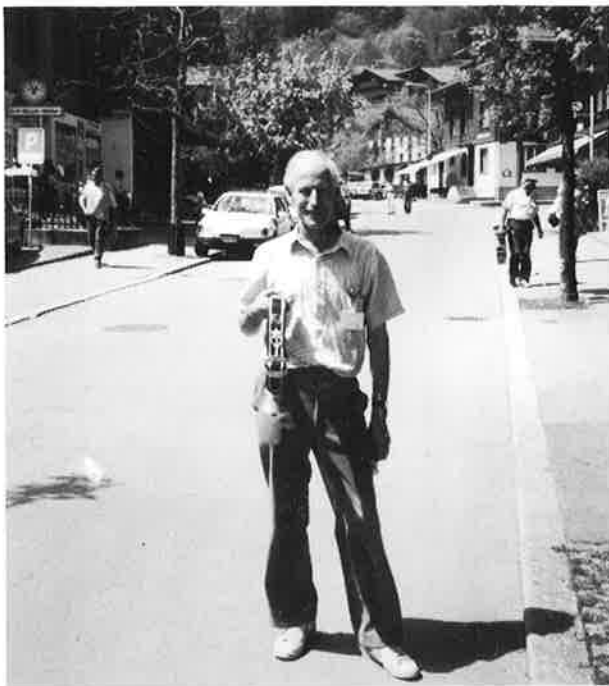


Morning Tea - LATE AGAIN !

1990 WORLD SIMMENTAL CONGRESS

by Ian Johnstone.

One of the largest delegations from New Zealand to attend a European Cattle Congress visited Switzerland in mid May for the 8th Congress of the World Simmental Federation. The 56 New Zealanders were the second largest group at the Congress being out numbered only by the Federal Republic of Germany, who had 57 delegates. In conjunction with the 8th Congress, which is held bi-annually, the Swiss Simmental Association celebrated its 100th Anniversary. Twenty-one countries attended the Congress, including several Eastern Block representatives, who did so for the first time, following the relaxation of borders and travel in Central Europe. The People's Republic of China also sent a solitary delegate, who despite having considerable language difficulties was warmly received and looked after by the participants in the Congress.



Ian Johnstone.

'One of the bell buyers, Zweisimmen'.

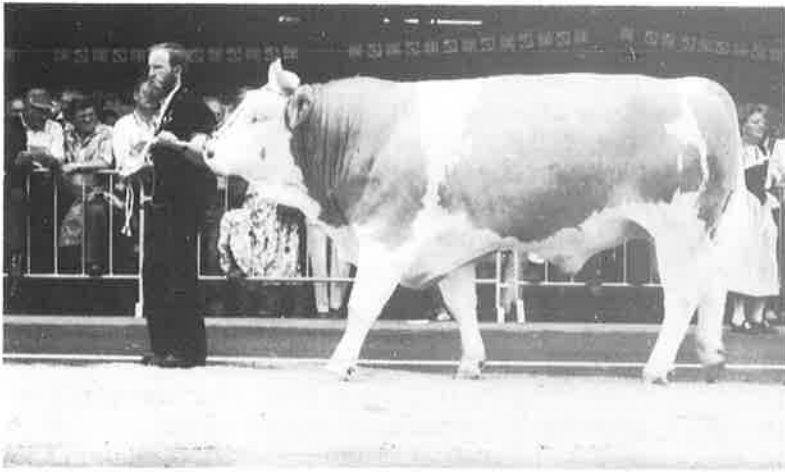
The proceedings for the Congress, which was based in Lausanne, in the French speaking sector of Switzerland, followed a set pattern of formal meetings, lectures and social functions. Several technical papers were presented on various aspects of the breed which perhaps did not have much application to our style of farming in New Zealand, but one cannot form comparisons as Europe is so vastly different in all aspects of its farming procedures. I am aware that a number of first time visitors, initially

found some aspects of the farming patterns hard to follow.

The Swiss are organisers with flare and great dedication and delegates were treated to precise and wonderful entertainment in true European style with traditional music and folklore accompanied by excellent food and wines where ever we went. Following the formal part of the Congress, two separate field days were held where visits were made to leading stud farms and specially organised groups of cattle.

One farm visited was a total of 55 hectares, growing 30 hectares of maize, 10 hectares of wheat, 5 hectares of feed cereals, 5 hectares of rape for oil and 5 hectares of sugar-beet. 250 Simmental bulls of up to 12 months of age are also domiciled on the property. The calves which are 'bought in' are about 70 kgs liveweight, are 'computer fed'. Each calf has an electronic collar which activates the feed bar to allow each animal its pre-calculated food ration for the day - once it has had its ration, that's it - the machine will provide no more for that particular animal. (The same procedure was also seen elsewhere in Switzerland and Germany for adult cattle being fed cereal concentrates). Adult cattle on this farm were fed a mixture of maize, silage, grain concentrate and sugar-beet chips with straw as a bulk filler, no hay was fed as far as we know. Calves are purchased at 70 kgs for around NZ\$780.00 and the finished animal at 500 kgs is slaughtered realizing about NZ\$1,490.00. All cattle are held inside all the time. On this particular farm, facilities were comparatively good and the stock looked healthy and well cared for. The property, although only 55 hectares, supported three full time labour units and their families and was very highly mechanised, as are all the Swiss farms. One sees more specialised machinery on these farms than one would ever see in New Zealand. There is virtually a machine for every job.

Another farm visited created some comment. Red Holsteins were being cross bred with Simmentals to increase size and milk production. Some excellent cattle were seen on this property, but the introduction of Holstein was detracting from the Simmental genetic line and the practice, which is quite widespread is looked on with disfavour by the 'purist' Breeders, which is understandable. The farmers who follow this crossbreeding pattern do so for very valid reasons. It suits their purpose and provides a good return which is what farming is about in any country. Cattle in Switzerland spend about half their lives indoors and the spring and



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The Festival Parade, Berne.

Harley Smyth, Michael Coombs
with merit bull 'Condor', one
of the top dairying bulls in
Switzerland.



summer months are a constant round of hay gathering. Most hay is cut, raked and conveyed direct to the huge cattle barns, some is put into silage pits but a large proportion is placed in enormous walled buildings where it is progressively air dried as the building is filled. Handling is highly mechanised in most cases and several barns seen had very sophisticated 'grab' cranes which distributed the hay for drying and in the winter loaded it out for feeding. Hay paddocks in Europe are not sprayed for weeds and are harvested 'weeds', flowers and all, which gives the winter fed cattle a total balance of pasture in the hay.

Following the two field days, the delegates left Lausanne by coach to travel to Zurich and then Berne. This took us through superb scenic areas and over a high alpine pass to a small town called Zweisimmen, where a large group of cattle had been assembled in the town centre for our appraisal. Regrettably the parade ring and the viewing area were all 'dead flat' and with nearly a thousand people gathered around it was very difficult to get a good look at the cattle, but there were some outstanding females on show. A further cattle show as held for us at Frutigen, next to the Simme Valley (origin of the Simmental Breed). Again some beautiful cows and also some outstanding bulls, which took the eye of the New Zealanders, Aussies and Canadians were on show. Regrettably the animal health situation in Central Europe is such that it is virtually impossible to get animals out as they are all inoculated against foot and mouth. There are exceptions in some countries, but what we saw and liked at Frutigen were sadly unobtainable.

At each of the cattle shows we were subjected to great hospitality - lunches, coffee, wines and beers accompanied by Alpenhorns and yodelling etc.

In Zurich, delegates attended a '1990 Expo' at which Simmentals were the feature breed. It was not unlike one of our larger Agricultural Shows. Around 400 Simmental cattle were on exhibition with again many outstanding young bulls. The females were also of a high standard but many showed the Red Holstein influence, which to a lot of people was disappointing. Final venue for the Congress was Berne, where the 100th Anniversary of the Swiss Simmental Association was celebrated with a festival parade of cattle through the main streets. To see such pageantry was marvellous. Over 400 Simmentals poured through the old city streets, all, all except for an odd big bull, un-led and marshalled by groups of young Swiss farmers and girls.

All the cows wore bells and many carried floral bouquets on their magnificent horns. The noise from the bells was staggering and memorable. With the parade were bands and dozens of aspects of Swiss history, both military and civilian. Thousands of people lined the streets to be treated to a lifetime event that took almost 3 hours to pass. One does not think of the Swiss as equestrian, but behind the Simmentals, came over 700 horses, some of the most beautiful I have ever seen. Horses are a very big part of Swiss life.

Following the Congress, 37 Kiwis took a four day Alpine Tour by Coach, with a delightful Italian/Swiss Guide whose knowledge of the country and folklore was bottomless. We were treated to four marvellous days ending up in Lucerne.

The most salient thing about an event like a Congress is not so much the formal part of the proceedings but the getting together of people of many countries and backgrounds. The Swiss must be congratulated for providing the facilities and the razor edge organisation to entertain and look after over 500 people with such success. Maybe not all the cattle we saw were what we expected, but we must realise their purpose and their environment is so different from our own open expanse of acres. One thing was abundantly clear though, was the bond and common interest of all Simmental breeders and that after all is what such a gathering is about.

The New Zealanders who attend the Congress were; Barry & Dot Anderson, Te Awamutu: Jack & Betty Ashworth, Matamata: Abe & Sally Aukaha, Te Puke; John & Raewyn Clapham, Masterton: Michael, Vida and Sandra Coombs, Kimbolton: Garry & Shirley Dickey, Waiuku: Alan & Jeanette Fleming, Pokeno: Werner & Norma Gut, Kaponga: John & Dell Hall, Raglan: Michael & Jocelyn Hall, Hororata: Jim & Gwen Houlbrooke, Waipu: Colin & Catherine Hutching, Dannevirke: Ian Johnstone, Clarkville, RD2, Kaiapoi: Howard & Margaret Kidd, Taupo: Marion Lane, Okato: Jim, Elizabeth & Cherrie Mackey, Hikurangi, Shirley Husband: Joan Mason: Hugh & Jane McIntyre, Feilding: John & Lorraine McNaughten, Raglan: Ted & Margaret Parr, Timaru: Gilbert & Vivienne Pearce, Taupo: Ken Sonia Rob, Raetihi: Francie Stout, Raetihi: John & Penny Scott, Cambridge: Harley & Rosemary Smyth, Dannevirke: Shirley & Gae Timperley, Whangarei: Lynne Sloane, Whangarei: Sandy & Erena Wallace, Masterton and Bill & Mae Davey, Victoria, Australia.

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PHOTOGRAPHIC TIPS.

We all see photographs of people wearing hats and other headgear, particularly in the middle of summer, which cause the face to be in quite deep shadow. (Just look through some back issues of the Simmental magazine for some examples of this problem).

To the eye this does not cause a problem, because the retina of the eye adjusts many hundreds of times a minute to allow for varying light when we move our eyes around. In photographs these shadows cause considerable problems, because the camera and the film does not have the power to adjust, like the human eye.

However, all is not lost to photographers as there is a reasonably simple way to overcome the shadow problem.

The main photographic tool you need is an 'electronic flashgun'. These can range from about \$40.00 right up to the expensive units at over \$300.00. The procedure when taking a photo to eliminate the deep shadows is as follows;

Set the camera up in the normal manner as if you were going to take a photograph. If you are able to adjust the shutter speed, ensure that the shutter is set **less than** a hundred and twentyfifth of a second. (An automatic or semi-automatic camera will usually compensate an adjustment in the shutter speed with an adjustment in the 'f' stop). Put the flashgun on the camera and set up as if you were going to take a photograph. (Power on etc). **Now just start taking photographs and forget about the flashgun.** Generally, daylight will be brighter than the flash so the flash going off will not be brighter than the daylight. The shadow areas, such as round the eye sockets and under the chin will be lit up when the flash fires. Two examples are shown - **BEFORE** and **AFTER**. This technique is called 'FILL IN FLASH', and is not difficult to understand or use. If you are not sure, then have a word with your photographic dealer as he will be able to give you a practical demonstration in a few minutes.

Many times we take a roll of film in to be developed only to be bitterly dissatisfied when we get them back from the processor. In all my years of photography, I have never paid for a roll of film from the processor until I have opened the envelope and had a quick look through the photographs. If they appear to be all OK - that's fine. But if a number of them do not look right, then ask the assistant what has gone wrong because - **IT MAY BE A FAULT OF THE PROCESSING PLACE OR THE STAFF THAT WORK THERE.** (Quite a number of the staff are just machine

operators and know nothing about photography at all). If there is the slightest inclination that the fault is caused by processing or printing, then get them to print all the photographs again. You may be surprised at the second set of photographs.

MORE PHOTOGRAPHIC TIPS IN THE
NEXT ISSUE.

DID YOU HEAR THE ONE ABOUT ??

Recently Ian Johnstone travelled to Switzerland to attend the Simmental World Congress. Whilst he was away he asked Don Graham to look after 'Murphy', his Jack Russell dog.

Murphy really loves Don's place and within a short space of time after arriving, got stuck into a few of the wild cats, leaving corpses jotted about the place.

The crunch came one day when Murphy decided to tackle some of Tish's chooks, killing about four of them. (These chooks are Tish's pride and joy - after Don and the rest of the family). Don decided that Murphy should accompany him when he was shifting some of his bulls, which were about 4km's from the house. Murphy thought this was great, riding in the ute. Anyway, Don duly arrived at the bull paddock and let Murphy out, and he proceeded to run around like the proverbial unguided missile barking and generally stirring the bulls up. Don decided that this was not on, grabbed Murphy, put him in the cab of the ute, shut the door and then when about the chore of shifting the bulls.

When he returned he found that Murphy had been roaring around inside the cab and had pressed both buttons down, thus locking the door. Both windows wound to the top - so Don cannot get back into his ute (4km's from home - remember). Don decided the only thing to do was to start walking home and get another key. About 2km's down the track, it started to rain - not light rain, but heavy rain so by the time Don arrive home he was soaked to the skin. No spare key was to be found at home and they had to have one brought up from Christchurch, so Murphy had to spend the night in the ute. Fortunately, Don saw the funny side to the episode and can relate it with some hilarity.

Watch this space on further reports about Murphy - the unguided Jack Russell missile.

4TH NEW ZEALAND BEEF BULL SALE WEEK

**PALMERSTON NORTH
18, 19, 20 & 21 JUNE 1991.**

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SIMMENTAL PROGRAMME



Wednesday 19 June 1991

10.00am Simmental Judging

12.30pm Simmental Sale

Thursday 20 June 1991

7.00pm Cattleman's Dinner & Guest Speaker.

(Dr Roger Hunsley).

Friday 21 June 1991

11.30am All Breeds Champion of Champions Judging.

12.30pm Award Judging.



Peter McWilliam with Wai-iti Rotomara X-Roads, which sold for \$30,000.00 at our National Sale held during Beef Bull Week in Palmerston North. (See article on opposite page).

BEEF BULL WEEK REPORT.

A record price of \$30,000.00 for a Simmental bull at the National Sale highlighted an excellent sale for Simmental breeders on the Wednesday during Beef Bull Week.

Of the 22 bulls put up for auction all were sold for an average price of \$6,638.00, which was \$1,700.00 greater than the 1989 average.

For the second year in a row Peter McWilliam from Gladstone, Masterton topped the sale with Wai-iti Rotomara X-Roads which sold for \$30,000.00

The supreme champion bull in the preliminary judging weighed in at 916kg and was bought by Hugh McIntyre from Feilding.

Mr McIntyre had been prepared to go to \$20,000.00 before the sale but decided with some encouragement from his wife to pay the record price.

Last year the Wai-iti Rotomara stud topped the sale with Wai-iti Warfare which sold for \$17,500.00.

In the Judging on Friday for the Champion of Champions interbreed event, Australian judge Lew Smith said the Simmental Bull had many outstanding points including its exceptional muscling.

The lineup of Simmental bulls was described as one of the best ever seen and had an average weight of 817.5kg. Total sale money was 146,050.00 nearly \$40,000.00 more than the previous year.

Other sales included;

Willowbrook Simmental Stud, Timaru who sold a polled bull Willowbrook Tex for \$12,000 to the Ailsa Stud, Wanganui and also sold Willowbrook Excelsior for \$8000 to Elders, Te Kuiti.

Glenside Simmentals, Lawrence sold Glenside X-Ecutive for \$9000 to Cowley Farm, New Plymouth.

JP & SE Absalom sold Rissington AX327 for \$4000 to M Scott, Taihape; Rissington AX435 for \$8500 to BJ Wallace, Takanini; Rissington AX328 for \$3600 to H Morrison Estate, Masterton; Rissington AX81E for \$4500 to L Jones, Taupo; Rissington AX423 for \$4000 to the OF Payne Trust, Wellsford.

Mr & Mrs FW Hill sold Hillview Hogan for \$3500 to Morikau Station, Wanganui.

KR Hinton & Sons, Alexandra sold KGM XEL for \$7250 to W Burgess, South Otago; KGM XEB for \$8000 to Waiwhare Simmentals, Hastings.

Landcorp Farming Ltd, Paekakariki sold Ohu AX361 for \$3700 to WJ Jurgens, Marton.

Moneymore Simmentals, Nelson sold Turton Forbes for \$4000 to GH Murland Feilding and Turton Axel for \$4000 to Dekota Holdings, Stratford and Herrington Mr X for

\$4400 to A McKenzie, Wanganui.

AW & BV Ritchie, Blenheim sold Thurston XL for \$5300 to JC Hall, Hororata.

HJ & ER Smyth, Dannevirke sold Atrig Xtatic for \$3400 to Morikau Station, Wanganui.

AH & GM Thompson, Waipukurau sold Glen Anthony AX06 for \$6000 to J & L McNaughton, Raglan and Glen Anthony AX21 for \$5000 to JD Graham, Parnassus.

Wai-iti Rotomara sold Xcellency for \$3700 to Oscan Industries, Wanganui.

Eds note: It was interesting to note that the Simmental sale did not have one animal passed in, and no other breed could boast of this feat. During the Wednesday evening it was decided to hold an informal dinner and space was book at the Coachman Hotel, Palmerston North for about 45 people. I think every Simmental Member who was in the vicinity of Palmerston North came to the dinner as we ended up with about 65 people. Considering the pressure we put on the hotel with a last minute booking, everyone enjoyed the evening and as more wine was consumed so the noise level rose. Everyone was on a high, especially after a record breaking day.

1991 ROYAL EASTER SHOW. SYDNEY. AUSTRALIA.

Elders Pastoral are contemplating arranging a tour to the Royal Easter Show in Sydney.

The tour will depart from Christchurch, Wellington and Auckland on Thursday 21 March 1991 and turn to Auckland and Christchurch on 28 March and Wellington on 29 March.

The tour will travel direct to Melbourne and attend the world famous show 'Phantom of the Opera', then proceeding to Sydney for the Show the following day.

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(Glenside
Simmentals) and
Mrs Gilbert Pearce.**



**The Midgeley Family
(Willowbrook
Simmentals, Timaru)
and Willowbrook
Tex.**



**Peter McWilliam and
Tony Plummer.**

CHANGES IN BEEFPLAN PEDIGREE AND PERFORMANCE RECORDING

In an attempt to streamline Beefplan processing within the Office, certain changes were approved by the Council at the July meeting. Hopefully, these changes will assist Breeders, giving them more time to complete paperwork, particularly the registration of Calves born. The changes will assist the Office, by cutting down the amount of paper handled and also eliminating one keying process into the computer. Council is of the opinion that these changes will benefit everyone using the Beefplan recording system.

The new system came into effect on 1 August 1990 with the commencement of the 1990 Calving cycle.

From 1 August 1990 the Annual Calendar for Computer recording will be as follows;

AUGUST & SEPTEMBER.

The Animal Disposal Listing (ADL - Herd Inventory) will be printed by the Computer and sent to every Breeder. Members have the opportunity to make any amendments or alterations to their herd and return the ADL to the Simmental office. As a general rule the ADL should be returned within one month. It is planned that when the ADL's are mailed from the Simmental office, an instruction sheet will be attached. This should assist Breeders in becoming familiar with the requirements for completing the ADL and returning to the office.

AUGUST through to MAY.

When the ADL's are received back in the Simmental office, the herd amendments will be processed in the computer and the Calf Entry Sheet (List of Females of Breeding age) will be printed. The Calf Entry Sheet (CES) is then sent to Members so they can complete their Calving details. (An instruction sheet to assist Breeders in completing the CES before returning it to the office will also be sent). In the past the requirement has been for the CES to be returning to the office by 28 February. This date has now been extended to 31 May, so in effect this gives Members an additional 3 months to complete the CES. The most important factor concerning this change, is that under the new system Members **WILL BE REQUIRED TO REGISTER THOSE ANIMALS REQUIRING REGISTRATION**

ON THE CALF ENTRY SHEET AND NOT ON THE CALVING REPORT.

Council approved a modified list of registration fees which will be an advantage to those Members who return the Calf Entry Sheet early. The charging system for registrations, as from 1 August 1990 will be as follows:

Calf Entry Sheet, received before 31 March. - A 10% DISCOUNT WILL BE APPLIED.

Calf Entry Sheet, received after 31 March, but before 31 May. - THE NORMAL FEE WILL APPLY.

Calf Entry Sheet, received after 31 May. - THE DOUBLE LATE FEE WILL BE APPLIED

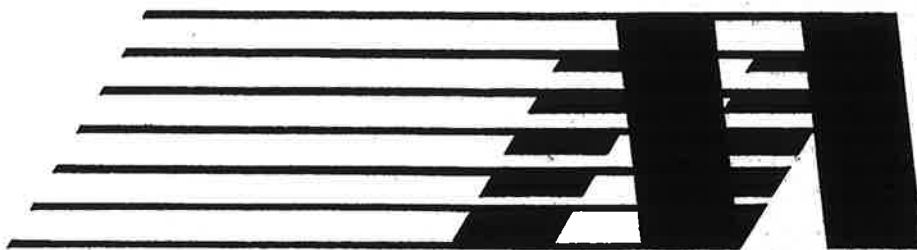
The only change in the charging system is that a discount is being given for those registrations received on the CES prior to 31 March each year.

AUGUST through to MAY.

As a result of the data from the Calf Entry Sheet being processed on the computer, a Calving Report is produced. (Computer Printed Summary of Calving). **THIS DOCUMENT IS THE BREEDERS RECORD OF CALVINGS IN ANY PARTICULAR YEAR.** Effective 1 August 1990 this Calving Report should only be returned to the Office if **ERRORS** have been made. **IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THIS IS RELATED TO ERRORS AND NOT TO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.** If a Breeder detects errors, made either by the Breeder or by the office staff, these errors should be corrected by the Breeder and the Calving Report should be returned to the office. Errors will be corrected on the computer and a **NEW** Calving Report will be printed and returned to the Breeder. The Calving Report showing the original errors will also be returned to the Breeder, but will be marked in some conspicuous way indicating that a **CORRECTED VERSION** has been printed and the first Calving Report should be destroyed after checking against the corrected version.

(The system previously used for the weight strips will not be changed, and the usual method of completing the weight strips should continue to be used by Breeders. However, weight strips completed by Breeders, sent to the Office for processing through the Computer will be returned to the Breeder with the new printout which shows the herd performance to date).

Registration Certificates will be printed on a regular basis and returned to Breeders.



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SIMMENTAL SOCIETY JERSEYS.

A further order for the Simmental Society jerseys will be placed early in February 1991.

The colours are the same as those advised in the last issue of the magazine, except that the name of the colours has been changed. NEW WINE now becomes **BURGUNDY** and MATELOT BLUE becomes **NAVY**.

We have been able to clarify the sizes of the jerseys with chest measurements and these are as follows;

Small	-	90cm.
Medium	-	95cm - 100cm.
Large	-	105cm - 110cm.
X Large	-	115cm.
XX Large	-	120cm.
XXX Large	-	over 120cm.

It is understood that these sizes fit both Men and Women, and the cost for the next order will still be \$75.00 per jersey. (It is also understood that the jerseys could be considered uniforms and as such would be a tax deduction).

We have had some good feed back from those people who ordered the jerseys with the last order. **AN ORDER FORM IS ENCLOSED WITH THIS MAGAZINE FOR THOSE MEMBERS WHO WISH TO PURCHASE A JERSEY. ORDERS MUST BE LODGED WITH THE SOCIETY OFFICE BY 1 FEBRUARY 1991.**

BUMPER STICKER COMPETITION.

The Judges considered all the entries received for the Bumper Sticker Competition that was run during the winter. The Society is pleased to announce the results, as detailed below;

1st. D Cresswell. Blenheim.

**SIMMENTAL
WEIGH AHEAD**

2nd. Rebecca & Bridget McIntosh, Ashburton

**SIMMENTAL
A STEAK IN YOUR FUTURE**

3rd. Allan Godsiff, Napier.

**SIMMENTAL
THE NATURAL GROWTH PROMOTANT**

4th = . Ray McIntosh & Family, Ashburton.

**BEEF UP WITH
SIMMENTAL**

Joanne Harwood, Kaiapoi.

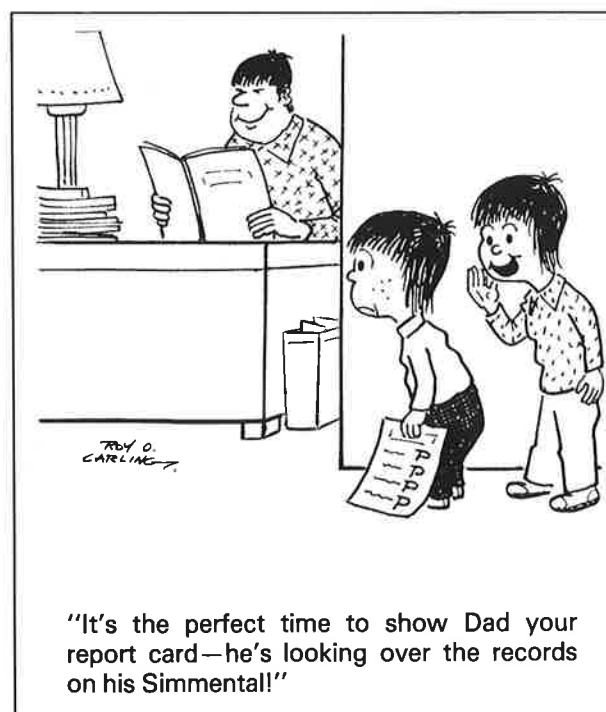
**SIMMENTAL
SIMPLY SUPERB**

6th. David Cresswell, Blenheim.

**SIMMENTAL
WEIGH OUT IN FRONT**

Prizes have been made available to all these winners but the Council of the Society would like to thank all Members and their families who sent in entries for the competition.

The standard of entries was very high and the judges job was not easy. Full Members of the Society will receive a full set of six bumper stickers with this copy of the magazine and we hope you will display them on cars and farm vehicles that are seen by the public.



BITS AND PIECES.

Congratulations to John McNaughton of Raglan. In the NZ Farmer on 5 September it was reported that on Tuesday 4 September 4, two heavy Simmental Steers owned by John topped the Frankton Sale. The steers sold for \$1,611 and \$1,383 respectively. The larger of the two animals weighed in at 890kg and sold for 181 cents a kg, and the second weighing 775kg and making 178.5 cents per kg. The report in the Farmer stated that the rest of the steer yarding numbers were only moderate.

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From Ailsa Farm, Kimbolton, we hear that they had an excellent sale. 34 animal were offered and of these 32 found homes. The top price paid was \$5,800.00 which was a record and the average for the sale was \$2,900.00.

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My Wife and I have moved (again). We originally moved just prior to Christmas 1989 from Christchurch to Cust in North Canterbury. We were only there for about 5 months and this couple came along 'simply loving our house'. They offered us nearly \$40,000.00 more than we paid for it. Naturally, we sold and we have now purchased a 20 acre property, just on the outskirts of Oxford, also in North Canterbury. Our address is;

Marion & Jim Mangnall.
'Oaklands'
Cnr Weld & Barracks Road.
Oxford 8253. North Canterbury.
Telephone: Oxford (0502) 24-782.

At this stage, we do not plan to put any stock on the land this season, but will assess the situation next winter. At present though, we are running 2 Basset Hounds, 3 Wire-haired Dachshunds and 5 goats. We hope to get a good cut of hay of the land sometime during December. If any Members are in our area, we would be pleased to see you. We usually have the kettle on for a 'cuppa' pretty quick. Also, if you are busy during the day, please do not hesitate to telephone me in the evening. I am usually pretty close to the telephone after 7.30pm, and I should have an answerphone connected by the time this magazine goes to print.

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The Breeders Manual is finally finished and distribution should be well underway, by the time all our Members get this Christmas issue of the magazine. Hopefully, distribution will take place through Club Secretaries. We plan to have all the Manuals for a particular Club in the hands of the Secretary by Christmas, and they will be distributing them. (It would be an ideal opportunity for Club Members to get together over the Festive Holiday Season for a spot of conviviality. However, if any Breeder has not received their Breeders Manual by the first week in February, **please give your local Club Secretary a call on the telephone.** Each Manual will be labelled with the particular Breeders name and address, so in theory everyone should eventually get one. Please bear with us for distributing the manuals this way. We did an exercise on individually posting them out, and it was going to cost nearly \$1,000.00, plus the cost of wrapping them in brown paper. So we opted for the easier option. Contained in the Manual are the following items;

Copy of the Society Rules.
Copy of the Society Regulations.
Information on Membership.
Tattooing.

An updated copy of the latest **SIRE LIST**.
A list of 1990/91 Show Dates.
A list of Society approved Judges.

The Manual will be added to from time to time. When an item is to be updated, we will print a new page, send it to Members and they should take the old page out and insert the new one supplied. Hopefully, we will be able to keep the Manual updated all the time. However, this depends on the Breeders ensuring they update their copy when they receive information from us.

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Our new office systems, such as the Beefplan recording and registrations, seems to be working. (Thanks to all the Breeders who have cooperated). **PLEASE REMEMBER, IF YOU SEND IN YOUR CALF ENTRY SHEET, SHOWING ANIMALS TO BE REGISTERED BEFORE 31 MARCH, THERE IS A 10% DISCOUNT ON THE REGISTRATION FEES.** It might pay for some Breeders, with larger herds to work out what their likely discount may be. Could be some extra spending money on holiday, and that always comes in handy.



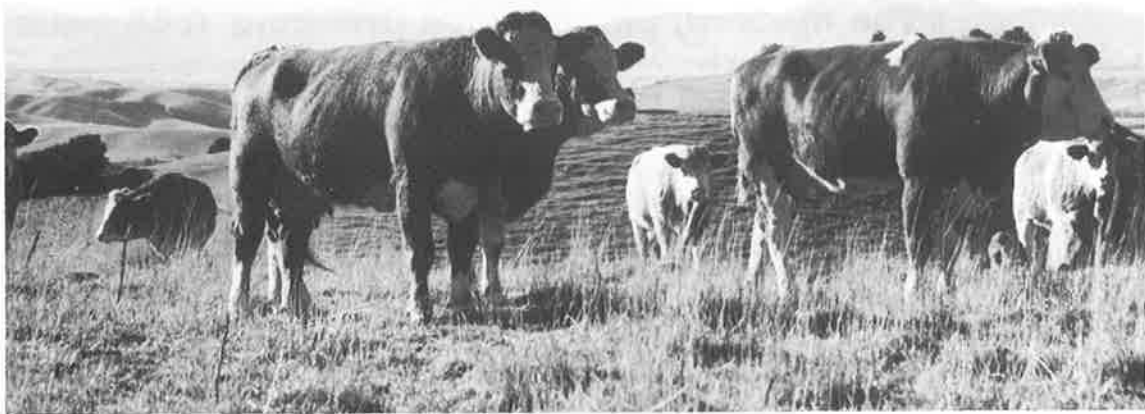
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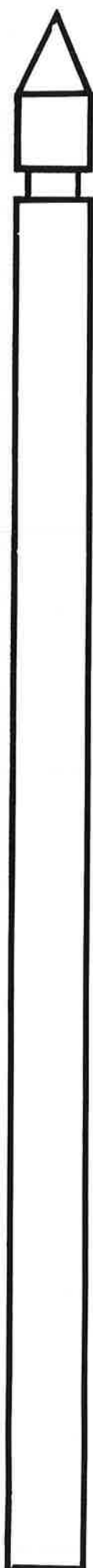
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ROYAL SHOW REPORT.

The 1990 Waikato Royal Show was held on 25, 26 & 27 October. When entries had closed there were 66 Simmentals entered. We understand that this was a record for a Royal Show.

The weather was warm and humid and there was the odd shower of rain during the first two days. However, during the All Breeds judging on 27 October (Saturday) the rain fell most of the time. The overall results for the Simmental Breed can be described as nothing short of 'fantastic', as during this event Simmental animals won SEVEN out of the nine events.

The Judge for the 1990 Royal Show was Lachie McLachlan from Milton, South Otago who was assisted by Matthew Proude of Ohakune. Results of their deliberations are;

WEDDELL CROWN-AOTEAROA, Bull (3 years)

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|-----|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1st | Wai-iti Warrior | Peter McWilliam |
| | (Dunmore Cossack II/Rotomara Polly) | |

ROSETOWN TRAVEL, Bull born since 31/5/88

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|-----|---|--------------------|
| 1st | Wai-iti Mr X | Peter McWilliam |
| | (Kilbride Farm Nevada/Rissington Ringlet) | |
| 2nd | Rissington OK Red | R Wallace |
| | (Rissington Big Red/Rissington BP646) | |
| 3rd | Emerald Dale Galliano | Marshal Simmentals |
| | (BA Galaat 12L/Emerald Dale Eileen) | |

WASTECARE LTD, Bull born between 1/6/89 and 31/7/89

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|-----|---|-----------------|
| 1st | Singing Hills Yatz | Barry Anderson |
| | (Ohu Useful/Singing Hills Wilma) | |
| 2nd | Lynmar Harry | K & L Nankervis |
| | (LJB Jade/Consi Honey) | |
| 3rd | Misty Moor Samuel | W & H Woolston |
| | (Rufford Ulsterman/Silvermoyle Phillipa AP12) | |

WASTECARE LTD, Junior Yearling Bull

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|-----|--|-----------------|
| 1st | Rissington AY686 | John Absolom |
| | (Bar 5 Redman/Rissington AT537) | |
| 2nd | Wai-iti Yellow Beard | Peter McWilliam |
| | (BBA Galant 12L/Wai-iti Miss Polly II) | |
| 3rd | Rissington AY725 | John Absolom |
| | (Coopental Terrific/Rissington AT546) | |

JUNIOR CHAMPION BULL - Rissington AY725 (John Absolom)
RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION BULL - Singing Hills Yatz (Barry Anderson)
CHAMPION BULL - Wai-iti Warrior (Peter McWilliam)
RESERVE CHAMPION BULL - Wai-iti Mr X (Peter McWilliam)

COW, born prior to 1/6/87 with her own Calf at foot

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|-----|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1st | Emerald Dale Eileen | Marshall Simmentals |
| | (Siegfried/Emerald Dale Babette) | |
| 2nd | Glendale Lorelei | Peter McWilliam |
| | (Arcadia Grant/Arwood Fiona) | |
| 3rd | Ohu AU234 | Landcorp Ltd |
| | (Rotomara Nelson/Richmond Mandy) | |

KAREWA SIMMENTAL, Cow born since 31/5/87 with her own calf at foot

- 1st Singing Hills Wilma Barry Anderson
(Singing Hills Bee Jay/Singing Hills Pepsi)
- 2nd Ailsa GR Prelude Ailsa Farm Ltd
(Sir Lancelot/Ribblebank Scintillation)

MILNERLOO SIMMENTALS, Heifer Born since 31/5/88

- 1st Karewa XCess McNaughten Family entry
(Single Nick Doubletime/Whitehall Lodge AMA)
- 2nd Kilburnie Halloween Peter McWilliam
(Wai-iti UFO/Rissington Bar 5 Fiona)
- 3rd Double AA Kiwa A & MS Aukaha
(Kiwi Upper Crust/Double AA Tareha)

MARSHALL SIMMENTALS, Heifer born 1/6/89 to 31/7/89

- 1st Victoria Yin Darryl Turton
(Ohu Useful/Rissington Heidi)
- 2nd Singing Hills Yen Barry Anderson
(Ohu Useful/Singing Hills Wendy)
- 3rd Puketawa Yvonne John Scott
(Puketawa Yvonne/Puketawa AN14)

ARTHUR WEBSTER LTD, Heifer, born since 31/7/89

- 1st Rissington AY661 John Absolom
(Rissington Big Red/Rissington BP604)
- 2nd Wai-iti Walnut Peter McWilliam
(Wai-iti Warrior/Wai-iti Ribbon 2)
- 3rd Wai-iti Swiss Maid Peter McWilliam
(Kilbride Farm Nevada/Rissington Bar 5 Fiona)

JUNIOR CHAMPION HEIFER - Rissington AY661 (John Aboslom)
RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION HEIFER - Victoria Yin (Darryl Turton)
CHAMPION FEMALE OF BREED - Emerald Dale Eileen (Marshall Simmentals)
SUPREME CHAMPION OF BREED - Emerald Dale Eileen (Marshall Simmentals)

SINGING HILLS SIMMENTALS, Pair

- 1st Victoria Yin Darryl Turton
Tusmore Yuletide
(Stirling Parliamentarian/Tusmore Janine)
- 2nd Wai-iti Walnut Peter McWilliam
Swiss Maid
- 3rd Puketawa Yvonne John Scott
Puketawa Yvette
(Puketawa Tallboy/Puketawa AR14)

ROSETOWN TRAVEL, Group - Bull & 3 Females

- 1st Entry of Peter McWilliam
- 2nd Entry of John Absolom
- 3rd Entry of Barry Anderson

AMBREED LTD, Progeny Class, 3 animals 1YO and over must be progeny of one Sire

- 1st** Entry of Barry Anderson
- 2nd** Entry of John Absolom
- 3rd** Entry of John Scott

COOPENTAL PERFORMANCE CLASS

Misty Moor Samuel W & H Woolston
(Rufford Ulsterman/Wilvermoyle Phillipa AP12)

ALL BREEDS SECTION

NZ RURAL PRESS, Bull over one year

2nd Wai-iti Warrior Peter McWilliam

WRIGHTSON, Best Yearling Bull

1st Singing Hills Yatz	Barry Anderson
3rd Lynmar Harry	K & L Nankervis
4th Lands AY621	Landcorp Ltd
(Matiti Theadore 2360238/Kindar AU11)	

WRIGHTSON, Best Yearling Heifer

1st Rissington AY661	John Absolom
5th Tusmore Yuletide	Darryl Turton
(Stirling Parliamentarian/Tusmore Janine)	

WASTECARE LTD & NATIONAL MUTUAL LIFE INS., Pair

- 1st** Entry of Barry Anderson
- 3rd** Entry of John Absolom

NZ MEAT PRODUCERS BOARD, Cow & Calf at foot

1st Emerald Dale Eileen Marshall Simmentals

WEDDELL CROWN-AOTEAROA, Special Class - 2 YO Heifer

1st Karewa Xcess	McNaughten Family entry
4th Puketawa Xena	John Scott
(Puketawa Tallboy/Puketawa AP3)	

LUMSDEN KNEEBONE LIVESTOCK, HENDERSON & LAW MENSWEAR, Bull & 2 Females

2nd Entry of Peter McWilliam

AFFCO MEAT & WOOL CUP

- 1st** Simmental - Emerald Dale Eileen (Marshall Simmentals)
- 2nd** Angus
- 3rd** Hereford

WEDDELL CROWN-AOTEAROA FOUNDERS CUP

1st Simmental team
2nd Charolais team

In the All Breeds Section, the Simmental entries virtually 'scooped the pool', gaining SEVEN First Placings, TWO Second Placings, ONE Third Placing, THREE Fourth Placings and ONE Fifth Placing. Certainly a Royal Show to be remembered.

JUDGES COMMENTS.

Very impressive functional cattle would perhaps explain the quality of the Simmental entries at this years Royal Show in Hamilton.

I felt there was more depth in the female classes where we had a very well put together champion yearling heifer, and extremely tidy 2 year old heifer with an equally impressive calf at foot. The honey of them all was a superb 7 year old cow and her calf. These three females would in my opinion hold their own in the Showring anywhere in the world.

In the bull classes the Champion yearling, while not the heaviest animal in his class showed to me the ability to walk well, had sufficient fleshing and a good outlook.

The senior champion bull was equally impressive - a bull of tremendous fleshing and size but unfortunately for him on the day he came up against a really superb cow for the Supreme award.

It was a special thrill for me to be involved in the Interbreed judging on the final day. To be in the ring when the places were announced and to be congratulated by the other judges on the Simmental performance was very pleasing, but it was the exhibitors of this very fine line up of cattle who should be applauded.

To my Associate Judge, Matthew Proude, thank you for your assistance. I hope you enjoyed the experience as much as I did.

Lachie McLachlan.
Milton, South Otago

November 1990.



'A REAL SWEETIE'

MEAT & WOOL CUP WINNERS.

Emerald Dale Eileen, with Jim & Selena Marshall.

PHOTOS TAKEN DURING THE 1990 ROYAL SHOW.



MEAT & WOOL CUP WINNERS.

Emerald Dale Eileen & Calf,

with L to R, John Gunn (Chairman RAS), Peter Jackson AAFCo NZ Chairman, Jim & Selena Marshall.



WEDDELL CROWN-AOTEAROA FOUNDERS CUP.

The winning Simmental team line up for the the
Weddell Crown-Aotea Founders Cup at the
1990 Waikato Royal Show.

PHOTOS TAKEN DURING THE 1990 ROYAL SHOW.



From L to R, Woody Rouse (Lumsden); Matthew Proude (Associate Judge) Ohakune;
David Carter (President - Simmental Cattle Breeders Society);
Lachie McLachlan (Simmental Judge), South Otago; Clair & Alan Perry, Palmerston North.



'DID YOU HEAR THE ONE ABOUT'
Peter McWilliam & Wai-iti Warrior



From L to R; Matthew Proud & Lachie McLachlan performing
their judging duties during the Simmental Class judging.

PHOTOS TAKEN DURING THE 1990 ROYAL SHOW.



SURVEYING THE OPPOSITION.
John Absalom (Rissington)



A general view of the Simmental judging ring.

**'LISTEN SUNSHINE, IF YOU DON'T DO IT MY WAY,
THERE'S NO TEA FOR YOU TONIGHT'.**
Peter McWilliam & Wai-iti Warrior



COMING TO GRIPS WITH COMPUTERS.

by: GEORGE MOSS.

Just over a year ago we purchased an IBM compatible computer with a hard disc.

Our reasons were twofold. The first and main one was that computers are becoming an every day part of life, and we were aware that our primary school children were more competent with this technology than we were; so we wanted to learn.

The second reason was that we keep a lot of records, not only financial, but also stock and paddock, and if we could speed up that process, and make that information more useful, so much the better.

CUT TO FIT.

Rather than purchase one of the ready written programmes that are available, we purchased a spreadsheet, and have tailor-made the functions to our requirements, rather than have to adapt to a programme designed for someone else. There is also a cost saving in buying just a spreadsheet rather than a dedicated programme.

With our spreadsheet we have set up a cash book that is reconciled monthly and calculates the GST payments or refunds.

From that the cashflow forecast is updated monthly and from the cashflow farm economic surpluses per cow and per hectare are highlighted.

Expenditure and income are analysed per cow, per hectare, and as percentages of the total.

A trial balance is done, giving an estimated taxable income after depreciation and write-downs, and so on.

Monthly time involved in doing the accounts, including writing and posting cheques, filing, GST and the updated cashflow and cashbook, is about two and a half hours, compared to a half a day or more when done manually.

ADVANTAGES TO COME.

Cow records are kept, and cows are sorted according to most profitable cows, breed, most effective sires in lifting production levels, and also to origin of stock, for those purchased. The real advantage will come when the Livestock Improvement Corporation (LIC) is able to provide a farmer's herd test information on a floppy disc worth about \$2.00. This will reduce the need to keyboard in the raw information.

Incidentally, all stock recording and the set-up and subsequent benefit is a result of my wife Sharon's efforts and interest.

The milk records keep 10 day average figures of cows in milk, fat, protein, litres, income per cow and per hectare, calf milk used, total for the month and for the season, with a summary at the end for comparison. Each of those items can be presented in graph form.

Other functions that we currently perform on spreadsheet are feed budgeting and the calculation of growth rates, equity and profit calculations and enterprise budgeting.

We use an Alfagrasslink to measure pasture growth. Visual assessments can be added to download the computer and equations are easier to change.

The advantages of spreadsheets to us are;

We can copy formats and programmes many times.

We can set up according to our own specific needs.

They are totally adaptable and relatively cheap, and I believe more powerful than many ready to run programmes.

The disadvantages are;

They take more time in the beginning to set up.

Errors sneak in, particularly if there are no check in the system.

A basic mathematical knowledge is required.

ADVICE TO BUYERS.

Two comments I would make to would-be computer purchasers are;

1. Don't buy unless you are keeping good records now, i.e cashbook, performance records. If you are keeping those records, a computer will increase their availability and accuracy, as well as saving time.

2. When buying, give preference to back-up, especially if it is local, rather than to price. We purchased our machine from a firm in Putaruru, which meant that there were not toll calls for queries and problems and only a short distance to the dealer if required.

(George and Sharon Moss farm at Putaruru and the Simmental Society is grateful to them both for allowing us to reprint this article for the benefit of Society Members).

WHATS SO GOOD ABOUT BREEDPLAN.

(There has been considerable discussion on the advantages of Beefplan and Breedplan. Recently, I obtained the following article on Breedplan, written by Ross Fenwick, National Field Co-ordinator, Breedplan, Armidale, Australia. It is likely that this may be able to answer some of the questions that Members of the Simmental Society may have. Jim M.)

Many cattle producers are asking;

HOW CAN BREEDPLAN HELP MY BREEDING PROGRAMME?

Since BREEDPLAN'S release in 1985 there has been a surge in interest in lifting herd productivity by improved breeding as well as better management. This interest is reflected in the number of herds that have enrolled in BREEDPLAN - now more than 1,200, including 45 New Zealand herds.

BREEDPLAN combines the performance of animals for important commercial traits with their pedigrees to estimate the potential for each animal to produce superior progeny. Hence the term Estimated Breeding Value (EBV). Good cattle breeders can remember a lot of information about an animal, how well it performs in the herd and the performance of its relatives, that's what makes them good. BREEDPLAN remembers all the information, for all the relatives, for all the traits that are recorded. This makes BREEDPLAN a very powerful aid to your breeding programme.

BREEDPLAN IS SIMPLE.

All beef breeders appreciate that half an animal's genes come from its sire and half from its dam. BREEDPLAN uses this simple fact as the basis for using the performance of relatives when calculating EBV's. BREEDPLAN is powerful because it uses all the relationships in the herd to improve the EBV's for each animal.

BREEDPLAN requires very little extra work by bull breeders, over and above what they would normally be providing to their Society for pedigree recording. This includes;

IDENTIFICATION.

A method of individual identification (ID) Preferably permanent) for all recorded animals.

HERD SIZE.

There is no restriction on numbers but you must plan to breed on for some years, to get value from the system. Of course larger herds will get more benefits than smaller herds. If you have fewer than 30 cows whose progeny you wish to performance record, you should discuss your situation with me.

BREED TYPE.

Your herd should consist of a single breed type. Some producers have 2 or more herds of different breeds, each on BREEDPLAN; this is acceptable, but we cannot yet cater for crossbreds.

MATING GROUPS.

It is an advantage if your herd is single-sire joined, or by AI, such that both parents of all calves recorded are known and identified.

WHAT FACILITIES?

A set of, or access to, accurate weighing scales.

BREEDPLAN IS FLEXIBLE.

Groups of animals weighed between 80 days and 900 days of age will allow BREEDPLAN to calculate EBV's for:

200 Day Milk.

200 Day Growth.

400 Day Weight.

600 Day Weight.

An EBV for birth weight will be provided if animals are weighed at birth. Each extra weight recorded is used to improve the EBV's for the other weights and any related traits for which BREEDPLAN provides EBV's.

BREEDPLAN accommodates the management needs of the seed stock industry. BREEDPLAN has been designed for use by bull breeders. BREEDPLAN allows for special matings. Breeders can join their best bulls to their best cows to obtain superior progeny. These matings will not cause unfair biases in the BREEDPLAN EBV's. BREEDPLAN allows for unequal selection among sire progeny groups at weaning when calculating EBV's for later weights.

BREEDPLAN IS COMPREHENSIVE.

As well as providing EBV's for the 5 growth traits listed above, new traits are being developed for BREEDPLAN. These include; More Growth - An EBV for 900 day weight is being developed for those bull breeders whose clients turn off 3 year old or older bullocks.

Fertility - EBV's for scrotal size and days to calving.

Carcase - The importance of producing the right carcase type for different markets is increasing. A new BREEDPLAN project is developing EBV's for some important carcase traits, including;

Eye Muscle Area, and
Fat Depth.

These EBV's will be available by the middle of 1990.

Cross Breeding - The importance of cross-breeding in the Australian and New Zealand beef industry is not being overlooked by BREEDPLAN. A major project is underway to accommodate mixed (unstable) breeds in BREEDPLAN EBV's for crossbred animals are expected in about 3 years time.

BREEDPLAN IS BETTER THAN RATIOS.

BREEDPLAN is better than the old ration systems of performance recording that used to be used in Australia and New Zealand.

The main differences are;

BREEDPLAN can compare animals in the whole herd, over many years, using the genetic links provided by the pedigree relationships in the herd. Ratio systems can only compare animals born within a relatively short calving span and run together in the same paddock. Thus BREEDPLAN can provide a more accurate estimate of the genetic merit of an animal.

BREEDPLAN separates the effects of maternal ability (200 day milk) from growth (200 day growth) to weaning. This is particularly useful for breeders selling to commercial cattlemen who want to improve milking ability in their herd. Ratio systems cannot make this separation.

BREEDPLAN allows for the selective mating and selective culling in breeding programs. Neither of these important components of genetic improvement can be catered for by ratio systems. BREEDPLAN is flexible, it accommodates the breeding requirements of the bull breeder.

With BREEDPLAN specially selected animals (EG. bulls being prepared for show of sale) can be compared with the rest of the herd. BREEDPLAN takes their special preparation into account when calculating EBV's.

BREEDPLAN uses records of performance taken later in life to improve the EBV for weaning weight, and vice versa. Ration systems cannot do this.

COSTS AND BENEFITS.

Performance recording will contribute to your future returns

THE COSTS.

- Annual Membership Renewal: \$65.

- Processing cost per calf: \$2.80

- Processing past records: \$1.10

per live calf

The processing costs cover 3 sets of data submitted, and three BREEDPLAN runs. Additional runs will cost \$25.00 plus 60 cents per calf for which new data has been submitted.

NOTE: No charge is made for processing empty cows or cows whose calf died at/or shortly after birth.

Past records refers to old performance records you may not have recorded with BREEDPLAN but would like added to your herd file.

THE BENEFITS.

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CLUB NEWS.

SOUTHERN DISTRICTS CLUB

(Annual Report presented by Lachie McLachlan)

The highlight of the past year would undoubtedly have to be the 1989 royal Show in early December 1989. With almost 70 Simmental entries we saw some tremendous competition, especially in the yearling classes. While most of the major prizes went North, that's what showing is all about and we will have the opportunity in 1992 at Christchurch to regain the balance. Well done all competitors and members of our Committee for the way you handled your respective responsibilities.

At this point, I would like to commend John Robins for the effort he put into the running of this Show, especially as far as Simmentals were concerned. He attended numerous meetings on our behalf and was responsible for putting together the sponsored classes. It was very fitting that he was awarded the Levels Trophy at the Annual Meeting of the Simmental Society.

It was at the 1989 Royal Show that the inaugural New Zealand Simmental Society Sponsored Junior Herdspersons Award was competed for. What a marvellous spectacle with 28 young handlers vying for the top spot. Congratulations to the Winner, Janet McLachlan and the Runner-up, Mac Raymond. This type of competition must be a benefit to the Beef Industry.

As well as the Royal Show, a number of our members exhibited successfully at virtually all the A & P Shows on the Southern circuit. Congratulations to these people and thank you for keeping the Simmental breed to the fore in the show ring.

Still on Shows, it was pleasing to see the number of Associate Judges being used this year. Hopefully this move will see a greater number of experienced Judges eventually available for selection.

The Annual Bull Sale in May 1990 saw an improvement on last years average of \$2,600.00, compared to \$3,000.00 with the top price of \$6,800.00. This sale is now firmly on the Bull Sale Calendar and is the envy of many of our northern breeders. It was disappointing to see no sale for females. May I say that I feel the success of this sale hinges on the continuing supply of quality cattle and to this end you as vendors must be prepared to be critical of your own cattle prior to entry. Don't leave it to the Inspectors to be 'henchmen'. While on inspections, most facilities are very good, but one or two need a

concrete pad to allow a closer look at feet. For inspectors to be consistent all entries should be seen under similar circumstances.

The CRT Chiller competition results were excellent for our breed, Robert & Katrina Allan from Tussock Creek won the overall Champion, both on the hoof and on the hook, with the same Simmental cross steer. Some accomplishment!

Calf sales in the Autumn reaffirmed the Simmental as the best crossbreeding sire available to the commercial breeder. While the majority of Simmental cross calves coming forward to sale are half-breeds, there is an increasing number of three-quarter breeds being offered. This of course means more half-bred heifers are being retained for breeding which is tremendous for our breed after years of being told we were only producing a terminal sire.

To those who 'flew the flag' at the Mount Linton Field day and the Beef workshop at Wyndham - Thank you. These days are all worthwhile and should be supported where possible.

At the time of the Royal Show we were all given the opportunity to farewell Ian Johnstone from his position as Secretary/Manager of the New Zealand Simmental society. Ian was and always will be a sincere friend of our Club.

To all members of the Southern Districts club, especially our Secretary, Juliene McCorkindale, thank you for your support during the year.

L. E. (Lachie) McLachlan.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP.

At the Annual General Meeting held at the Top o' the River in Hamilton on Friday 26 October, Honorary Life Membership was bestowed on Ian Johnstone, the previous Secretary/Manager of the Simmental Cattle Breeders Society.

At the Meeting, David Carter, the Society President made Members present aware of the work that Ian had done for the Society during the fifteen years he had been involved. He also indicated that the recommendation for Honorary Life Members was a recommendation from the Annual Meeting in Invercargill in 1989, and was fully endorsed by the Council of the Society.

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NEWS FROM THE 1990 AGM.

The 1991 Annual General Meeting will be held to coincide with the Royal Show in Palmerston North. The Show is usually held during the first week in November and it is likely that the Annual Meeting will be held on the Friday evening, along with the Annual Dinner.

Immediately following the Hamilton AGM, a Meeting of the Council was held to decide on the Office Holders for the coming year. The status quo was preserved and David Carter will continue as President and Don Graham will continue as the Vice President. It is intended to make little or no alterations to the various Sub-Committees of the Society.

JUNIOR HERDSPERSONS COMPETITION.

Judging for the Junior Herdspersons Competition took place on Friday 26 October at 2.00pm.

Twelve competitors took their places for the competition which was being judged by Star Absolom (Rissington) and Peter McWilliam (Wai-iti). They were assisted by Frank Young, who was the winner of the equivalent competition in South Australia and part of his prize was a trip to New Zealand to compete at the 1990 Royal Show.

The competition is sponsored by the Simmental Society and the two winners receive a trip to Australia to work on a Simmental Stud and also compete in the South Australian event. In addition, the top placegetter receives a Silver tray, donated by the Simmental Society, which they are entitled to hold for one year.

At the 1990 Royal Show, the outright winner was Mac Raymond, who won the event in 1989 at the Southland Royal Show. Because, Mac had also won the trip to Australia he was not eligible to win the trip again. The trips to Australia were won by Catherine Allen of the Koromiko Murray Grey Stud, near Auckland and Andrew McLachlan of the Helensbrook Simmental Stud, Milton, South Otago.

Prior to the event commencing, Simmental Council decided that there would be a special section for those competitors under 15 years of age and this section was won by Bernadette Allen of the Koromiko Murray Grey Stud, near Auckland.

LEVELS TROPHY.

Another Trophy which was presented at the 1990 Royal Show was the Levels Trophy. This trophy is awarded to the person, who in the opinion of the judges has contributed the most to the promotion of the Simmental breed. Rod Cox of the Levels Simmental Stud near Timaru was present at the Royal Show and gave a very descriptive resume on the winner for 1990. When **Peter Sibley** was announced as being the winner, those present greeted the announcement with acclamation. We feel that Pete Sibley is a truly worthy recipient of this Award and most people involved with the Simmental breed in New Zealand will be well aware to all the effort that Pete has put in over the many years he has been involved with Simmental cattle. Details in this magazine would take many pages. *Congratulations Peter.*

1990 COOPENTAL TROPHY.

The Coopental Trophy which was run in conjunction with the 1990 Royal Show was won by **Misty Moor Samuel**, born 23 July 1989 and is from a Rufford Ulsterman/Silvermoyle Phillipa AP12 joining. Misty Moor Samuel is owned by Bill and Helen Woolston who run the Misty Moor Simmental Stud at Ohaupo.

OFFICE FAX NUMBER.

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MY TRIP TO AUSSIE FOR THE JUNIOR HERDSPERSONS COMPETITION.

By: Janet McLachlan.

AUSTRALIA - HERE I COME. Leaving school for a month to work on a Simmental stud to me was to be an experience of a lifetime. I flew to Melbourne Airport where I met Alan and Louise Schache. Alan Schache is the Stud Manager at Munga Park Simmentals. It was a 6 hour drive to the little town of Frances, which is just on the South Australia/Victoria border. Munga Park is just 5 minutes drive from Frances in South Australia.

My work prior to the Heifer show began the very next morning. I was up at 7.00am and keen to meet my heifer named Jannan. Cleaning out all the stalls in the stud shed was to become one of my many daily tasks. Mr Burrell, the owner of Munga Park was pleased to have me on his team. For the next two weeks prior to the show I experienced a lot of new procedures in show preparation and enjoyed it tremendously. Clipping a yearling bull all over was very nerve racking at the beginning, but when I saw the transformation, I was really impressed with my first effort.

Sunday 8 July - Stuart Hahn, a boy from the local High School and I were set the task of shining up all the halters and organising show feed. Mum & Dad had arrived the day before and were admiring our good work. I thought Mr Schache was joking when he asked me to get up at 2.00am the next morning to load the heifers and show gear, but he was not joking. After loading the heifers and gear my nerves began to arrive, but I didn't notice them at that stage, because I was back in bed.

Monday 9 July, - the nerves really set in when we saw Adelaide. The heifer show was being held at the Wayville Showgrounds. After arriving at the Showgrounds all we had to do was get ourselves and our heifers organised and go and get some rest because the next 3 days were to be extremely busy. The rooms we were to sleep in were no bigger than dog kennels.

Tuesday 10 July, - An educational program was set down for the day with talks on junior judging, ultrasound, herd recording and clipping, plus many more. In the afternoon all 173 competitors got together and were shown ringcraft, judging and presentation. In my senior handlers group we were given a talk about Genetics. The rest of the afternoon was spent preparing heifers and gear for the heifer judging the following day.



From L to R: Dave Emmerson, President - Australian Simmental Society; Mac Raymond, other NZL Award winner; Lachie McLachlan; Janet McLachlan; Jan Gray, Secretary of Heifer Shown Organising Committee and Jim Young, President South Australia Heifer Show Organising Committee.

Wednesday 11 July, - Before organising my heifer for judging I was to experience junior judging. It was a real experience because I had my order of heifers different from the judge, but I have to learn sometime. My nerves hit me as soon as I entered the ring with my heifer, but I kept my head up high and paraded her to the best of my ability. It paid off because my heifer was awarded Second Prize. That judging was over, but tomorrow's handlers class was still to come.

Thursday 12 July, - I was up extremely early to prepare my heifer and myself. My nerves were really bad but I just had to keep my head high. I knew that my fellow competitors would be tough but I just went out there and gave them all I had. My heifer paraded beautifully and when I was pulled up for Fifth Prize, I was just so happy. I had done my best and had the reward for it.

The four days involved in the heifer show were exhausting but extremely rewarding. My time in Australia was great and I learnt a lot of things. I appreciate having the chance to go over and wish the next winners the best of luck. Thank you to everyone in the Simmental Society in New Zealand for the chance of this experience and their support.

(Ed's Note: Janet was one of the winners of the Junior Herdspersons Competition that was conducted at the Royal Show, Invercargill during December 1989).

WORLD SIMMENTAL CONGRESS, SWITZERLAND.

These are photographs taken of some of the Tour Group when they were attending functions associated with the Congress. **COPIES OF THESE PHOTOGRAPHS ARE AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY, AND PERSONS REQUIRING COPIES SHOULD DIRECT WRITE TO JIM MACKEY, RD4, HIKURANGI, NORTHLAND.** (All photographs are available in full colour). Please quote the number which appears **UNDERNEATH** each photograph.



PHOTOGRAPH: S24. Monday 14 May 1990 - Some members of the Tour Group down by Lake Lausanne Yacht Marina.



PHOTOGRAPH: R34. Wednesday 16 May 1990 - Most of the Group dressed for dinner at 'Palace de Beaulieu', Lausanne.

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PHOTOGRAPH: R37. Wednesday 16 May 1990 - More of the Group dressed for dinner at 'Palace de Beaulieu', Lausanne.

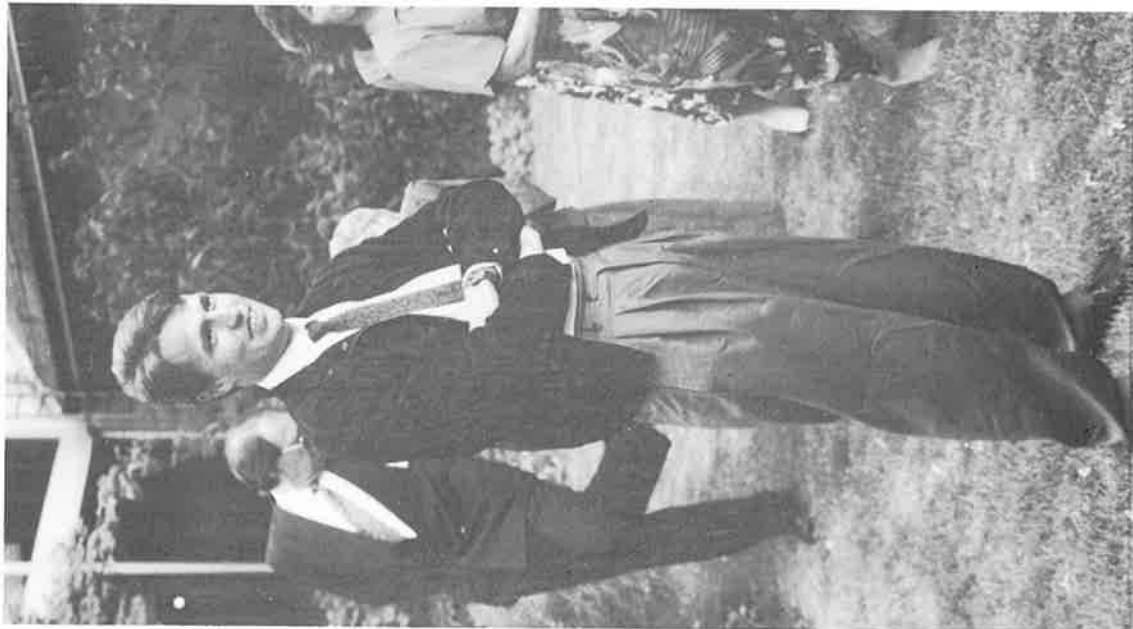


PHOTOGRAPH: Q17. New Zealand Group outside the venue for the Final Congress Dinner.

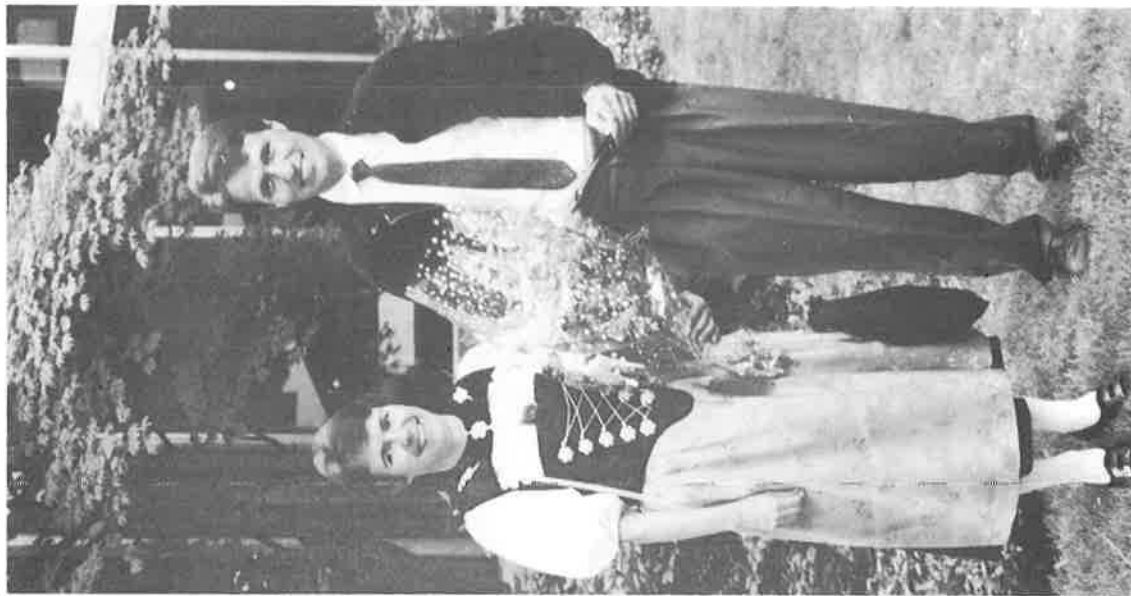
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PHOTOGRAPH: Q13. Friday 18 May 1990.
Bern Thearess, the New Zealand Guide.



PHOTOGRAPH: Q14. Friday 18 May 1990.
Nick, the other New Zealand Guide.



PHOTOGRAPH: Q15. Friday 18 May 1990.
Bern & Nick together.

1992 WORLD CONGRESS TOUR.

The 9th World Simmental Congress is due to be held in Dallas, Texas, USA, 11/17 October 1992. After the tremendous success of the 1990 tour to Switzerland, we are attempting to get another tour together to go to Dallas in the USA. Dallas has a unique place in the history of the United States, particularly in modern times, as it is the city in which President John F Kennedy was assassinated during the mid 1960's. I have approached a Travel Agent who is putting a package together for us. (The fellow I am dealing with, worked with me when I was in the Travel Industry, and he compiled 3 World Tours for me when I managed New Zealand teams to the World Deaf Olympics in the USA, Germany and Norway. Each of these tours had over 80 people travelling - all deaf). We are looking at a preliminary itinerary which would spend 2/3 days in Los Angeles (Disneyland and all that jazz), 4 or 5 days in New Orleans, than about 5 days in Dallas for the Congress, 3 days in either Reno, Nevada or Las Vegas and winding up with about 4/5 days in Honolulu. All in all a tour pretty close to three weeks. I hope to be in a position to print the full itinerary and estimated price in the next issue of the magazine (June 1991), but if Members are definitely interested now, please drop me a line at the Society office and I will start a list off now.

For those who think it may be a bit expensive, even not knowing the cost, I hope to be able to devise a way whereby payment can be made over a 12 or 18 month period of, say \$100.00 per month per person, and all this money would go into a Trust Account, credited to your name. . The balance of any monies would naturally be due before the tour departed. **REMEMBER - WORLD SIMMENTAL CONGRESS - DALLAS, TEXAS - 11/17 OCTOBER 1992.**

JUNE 1991 ISSUE OF THE SIMMENTAL MAGAZINE.

It is planned to publish the next magazine, to coincide with a mail out date of mid June 1991. The deadline for advertising material and copy for inclusion in the magazine is FRIDAY 19 APRIL 1991. Please ensure you mark your calendar and diary now, so that these dates are not misplaced. As always, we will gladly accept for publication any articles,

which may include photographs, from members and their families. Remember also, if you have a grizzle about anyone or anything regarding the Society, or even the Government, why not write a 'Letter to the Editor'. As long as is not immoral or illegal, then I will print it. You may wish to write a letter under a 'nom de plume', then that is fine. All names will kept in strictest confidence. If you want to have a lash at a Member of Parliament, then I will try and get an answer for you from the particular MP or Minister.

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1991 ROYAL EASTER SHOW. SYDNEY. AUSTRALIA.

Elders Pastoral are contemplating arranging a tour to the Royal Easter Show in Sydney. The tour will depart from Christchurch, Wellington and Auckland on Thursday 21 March 1991 and turn to Auckland and Christchurch on 28 March and Wellington on 29 March.

The tour will travel direct to Melbourne and attend the world famous show 'Phantom of the Opera', then proceeding to Sydney for the Show the following day.

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The Tour Leader will be Mr Charlie Matthews, Elders Pastoral's Gisborne Manager.

MINUTES OF THE 19TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SIMMENTAL CATTLE BREEDERS SOCIETY (INC) OF NEW ZEALAND, HELD AT THE TOP 'O THE RIVER CONFERENCE CENTRE, VICTORIA STREET, HAMILTON AT 5.00PM ON FRIDAY 26 OCTOBER 1990.

PRESENT:

David Carter (President), Jim Mangnall (General Manager), John Absolom, Jack & Betty Ashworth, Ralph & Gwenda Thorburn, John & Lorraine McNaughten, Lachie & Helen McLachlan, Peter Sibley, Matthew & Jamie Proude, Gwen & Jim Houlbrooke, Marion & Peter Stewart, John & Penny Scott, Gilbert & Vivienne Pearce, Evans McCready, Janet & Brian Holland, Peter McWilliam, Mark Heffernan, Frank Young (Visitor), Peter & Judy Cowley, Ivan & Marion Strathern, Robin Dalziell-Kernohan, Suzanne Kernohan, Ray & Jill Nicholas, Alan Godsiff, Woodford Rouse, Alan Perry, Rodney Cox, Don Graham, Alister & Kay Miln, Dot & Barry Anderson, Kerry & Linda Nankervis, Jeff & Barbara Bliss, Darryl Turton, Selina & James Marshall, Rosemary Smyth, Helen & Bill Woolston, Sally & Abe Aukaha, Niki & Desmond Galvin, Les & Ann Marshall, Peter Clarke and Gladys & David Hunt.

APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received and sustained from Ian Johnstone, Brian Souter, Tony Plummer, Tim Murphy, Craig & Richard Martin, Colin Hutchings, David & Judy Matheson, Nigel Watson, Bill McBeth, Michael Combes, Bernard Cooper and Harold Marshall.

CONFIRMATION OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES:

The Minutes of the 18th Annual General Meeting held in Invercargill, had been circulated in the Winter issue of the Simmental Magazine. It was resolved that these Minutes be confirmed as being a true and correct record of the business conducted (Messrs Cox/Perry)

PRESIDENTS ANNUAL REPORT OF COUNCIL.

The President stated that the Annual Report had already been circulated to Members with the Notice of Meeting, but as there were a number of events throughout the year which needed to be highlighted, he would prevail on Members present to read the report. Items covered in the report included, adjustment of Office staffing, minor changes to Beefplan recording, the National Sale in Palmerston North, and possible promotional ventures in the coming year. It was resolved by Members present that the Presidents Report on Council be adopted (Messrs Carter/Scott)

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS.

The Chairman of the Finance Sub-Committee, Rodney Cox, presented the Financial Report and Statement of Account for the year ended 30 June 1990. It was plain from the accounts that the Society were in a very sound financial position. Thanks should go to previous Council Members for their diligence in financial matters. A question was asked from the floor regarding the need for the Society to own a building in Christchurch yet pay rent for the Society offices in another building. Mr Cox explained the situation regarding the lease of the building owned by the Society to Telecom, and after all the finances had been established the Net profit to the Society was around \$20,000.00. The Society was also in a position, that if the lease with Telecom was terminated, then we would have the opportunity of moving in basically straight away to our own building. It was resolved by Members present that the Financial Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 30 June 1990 be received and adopted (Messrs Cox/Perry)

ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS.

David Carter, the President, indicated that a Ballot had been necessary prior to the Annual Meeting as three Councillors were obliged to retire. These three indicated they were available for re-election, and with an additional nomination, a ballot was necessary. A Postal Ballot was conducted and as a result of the Returning Officers deliberations the Councillors returned for a further three year term were:

David Carter - John Absolom - Woodford Rouse

The President proposed a special vote of thanks to Tony Plummer for allowing his name to be put forward for the election. In a democratic organisation it was a healthy sign when an election was held.

COMMITTEES ANNUAL REPORTS.

John Scott presented the Annual Report from the Technical Committee, and indicated that this report had already been circulated to all Members. Items covered in the report included the numbers of herds and animals covered in the Beefplan recording system, percentages of calvings, and averages of birth and weaning weights and also the tour by the New Zealand party to the World Simmental Congress in Switzerland earlier in 1990. It was resolved by those Members present that this Annual Report be received (Messrs Scott/Absolom).

Lachie McLachlan presented the Annual Report from the Promotion Committee, and indicated that this report had already been circulated to all Members. Items covered in the report included a review of the 1989 Royal Show in Invercargill, the Junior Herdspersons event, the Simmental magazine and promotional items which were now on stream for purchase by Members. Mr McLachlan also presented the first copy of the Breeders Manual which it was hoped to distribute to all Members, through Club Secretaries, either immediately prior to just after the Christmas/New Year holiday break. After a question from the floor, it was decided that one additional copy of the Breeders Manual be sent to Club Secretaries which they could use as a promotional tool when they were approaching potential Members to the Society. It was resolved by those Members present that this Annual Report be received (Messrs McLachlan/Cox).

John Absolom presented the Annual Report of the Sales Committee, and indicated that this report had also been circulated to all Members. Items covered in the report was an analysis of the Sale held during Beef Bull Week in Palmerston North. It was a good sign, when a sale such as this was considered to be a great success. It was noted that the Judge for the 1991 Beef Bull Week was Dr Roger Hunsley. Rodney Cox urged all Breeders to support this Sale, which was considered the shop window of the Simmental Breed. This comment was supported by Don Graham and Gilbert Pearce, who had filled the role of inspectors of the animals entered in the 1990 Beef Bull Week. John Absolom also gave a brief report on his experiences using Breedplan recording and it was his opinion that this was the road that the Society should consider. It was resolved by those Members present that this Annual Report be received (Messrs Absolom/McLachlan).

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR.

It was reported that Brian Souter was available for a further term and it was resolved that this appointment be confirmed (Messrs Cox/Scott).

VENUE FOR THE 1991 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The President, David Carter reported that it had become practice for the Annual Meeting and Dinner to be held in conjunction with the Royal Show. The 1991 Royal Show is to be held in Palmerston North and it was resolved that the Annual Meeting for 1991 be held in Palmerston North during the Royal Show at a date to be decided (Messrs Graham/Perry).

CONFIRMATION OF LIFE MEMBERSHIP.

The President reported that at the last Annual Meeting a recommendation was accepted from the floor that Honorary Life Membership be conferred on Ian Johnstone, previous Secretary/Manager of the Simmental Society. The President continued to say that the recommendation was endorsed by the Council and that Ian was currently settling into retirement after purchasing a small property just north of Christchurch. It was moved by D Carter and seconded by Peter McWilliam that Honorary Life Membership be conferred to Ian Johnstone. This was greeted by acclamation by the Meeting.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

Jim Houlbrooke raised the question of the Hoof & Hook competition as there was some concern about this in the Northland area. Certain changes had been made in the Northland area, but with some difficulty. John Absolom answered and explained the dominance of the competition by two other breeds and these breeds seem to be a strong influence on those who make the rules. The matter would be continually reviewed.

Don Graham raised the question of Black Cattle for the Japanese market and indicated that the Society was conducting a survey from our sister organisations in Australia, Canada and the USA. A reply had already been received from Australia. John Absolom also explained the make up of the Japanese Black Cattle and it was noticeable that the line originated from the Simmental breed.

A question was asked as to whether it was considered that registration fees were a method of fundraising. Rodney Cox, Chairman of the Finance Committee explained the reasons for the basis of fees, levies and subscriptions. It was noted that the Subscription to the Society was approximately \$50.00 and it was intended to keep this as low as possible and the levies and fees were the user pays system.

The President, David Carter indicated that as there was no further General Business, he would declare the meeting closed. He made special thanks to the Waikato Club for all their work during the Royal Show and for the arrangements made for the Annual Meeting and the Annual Dinner. David Carter thanked everyone for their attendance and looked forward to meeting them again in Palmerston North in 12 months time. The meeting closed at 6.10pm.

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SALE REPORT. (WAI-ITI/ROTOMARA).

The Second Annual Wai-iti/Rotomara Bull and Female was held earlier in 1990 and was a resounding success. The gross for the sale was \$115,000.00 and this covered 46 lots.

23 performance tested bulls offered averaged \$3,043.00 with a top price of \$5,100.00 being paid for a Wai-iti Uncle Fred son, which was purchased by a new member of the Society, Mr A J Blair of Wanganui.

A total clearance of 20 females averaged \$1,969.00 and this number included two pregnant recipients, selling for \$4,000.00 each to the Herrington Partnership of Matthew and Jamie Proude of Ohakune. They also paid \$10,000.00 for an embryo flush from the Champion Cow of the Stud, Rissington Bar 5 Fiona.

The top price cow was sold to the Waiwhare Stud at Hastings for \$4,400.00, and this outstanding animal is a full sister to the famous Rotomara Polly and V.I.C. to Wai-iti Mr X.

20 straws of Dunmore Cossack II semen were also purchased by the Waiwhare Stud for \$240.00 per straw.

CANTERBURY A & P SHOW RESULTS

The Canterbury A & P Show was held on 7, 8 & 9 November, with 9 November being Show Day, the day which Canterbury observes its Anniversary Day. The weather over the three days was warm, especially on 9 November when the temperatures climbed into the high 20's. Attendance over the three days of the Show are reported to be a record and on Show Day it is estimated that in excess of 40,000 people were admitted through the gate.

The Simmental section results were:

COW, WITH OWN CALF(S) AT FOOT, BORN BEFORE 1 JUNE 1987
 1st Avon Park Posy Girl David Carter
 (Sir Avon Park Extra/Miss Avon Park AH7E)

HEIFER, BORN SINCE 31/5/1988
 1st Springbrook Messiah CJ Patterson
 (Ladburn Randwick AR7/Springhead AN4)

HEIFER, BORN 1/6/1989 TO 31/7/1989
 1st Ladburn Yanshee 1168 AY17 AAT & LA Partridge
 (Sterling VB Good 1400 AV3E/Pendeen Petra 83AP11)
 2nd Ladburn Yafran AAT & LA Partridge
 (Sterling VB Good 1400 AV3E/Pendeen Petra 83AP11)
 3rd Springbrook Tara AY153 CJ Patterson
 (RB Constructor/Springbrook BN30)

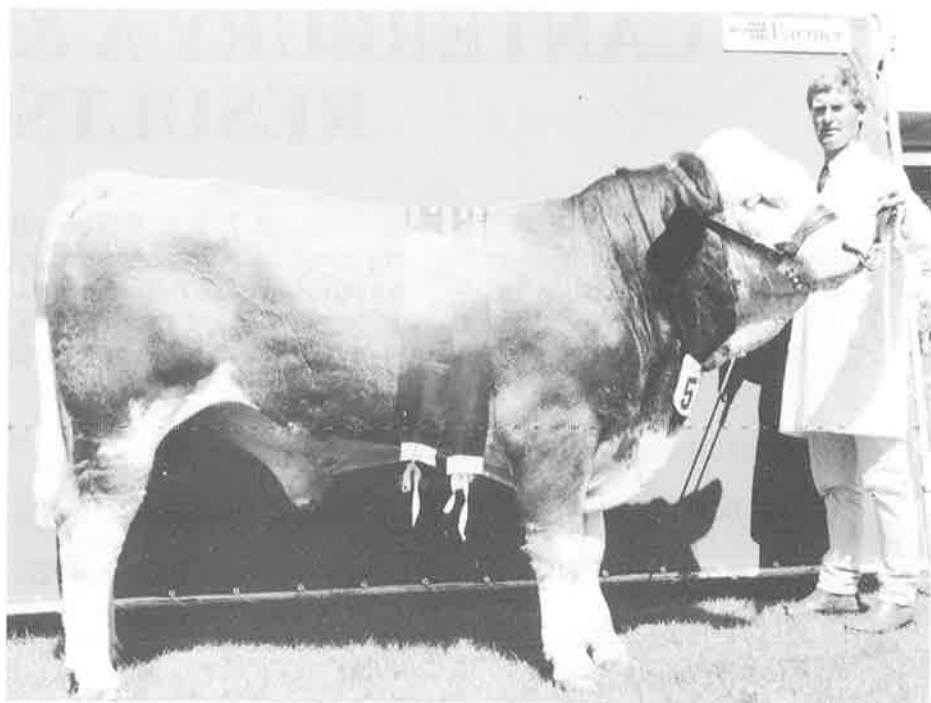
HEIFER, BORN SINCE 31/7/1989
 1st Moneymore Robina AY49 Moneymore Simmentals
 (TND Cheiftan/Richmond Robina AR5)
 2nd Springbrook Dandy AY150 CJ Patterson
 (Mr Dusty Dignified/Springbrook AR44)
 3rd Macmathan Red Ribbon MacMathan Simmentals
 (Narland Lot/MacMathan Red Rosette)

TWO YEARLING HEIFERS, BORN SINCE 31/5/1989
 1st Moneymore Robina & Moneymore Tamara Moneymore Simmentals
 2nd Ladburn Yafran & Ladbrun Yanshee AAT & LA Partridge
 3rd Springbrook Tara & Springbrook Dandy CJ Patterson

<p>SENIOR FEMALE CHAMPION: Avon Park Posy Girl - David Carter RESERVE SENIOR FEMALE CHAMPION: Springbrook Messiah - CJ Patterson JUNIOR FEMALE CHAMPION: Ladburn Yanshee - AAT & LA Partridge RESERVE JUNIOR FEMALE CHAMPION: Ladburn Yafran - AAT & LA Partridge</p>
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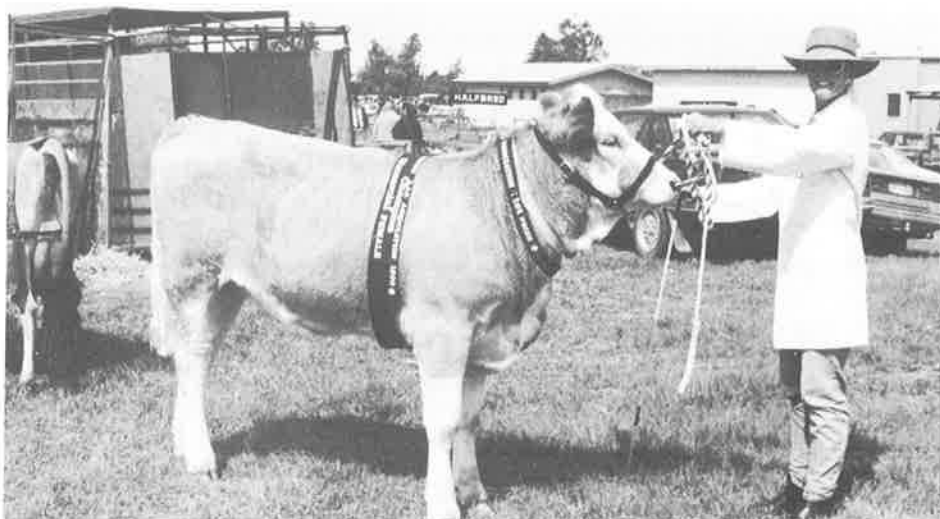
BULL, BORN 1/6/1989 - 31/7/1989
 1st Springbrook Orage CJ Patterson
 (Orage (Imp France/Springbrook AN26)
 2nd Ladburn Yarrow AAT & LA Partridge
 (Avon Park Much/Levels 3AT87)

Andrew Ritchie with the
Supreme Simmental Champion,
Malvern Downs, at the recent
1990 Canterbury A & P Show.



Ian Johnstone presenting the
Handlers Trophy to Judy Matheson
at the function held during the
Canterbury A & P Show.

Judy Matheson with the Champion
Simmental Female at the 1990
Ellesmere A & P Show.



BULL, BORN SINCE 31/7/1989

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| 1st Malvern Downs
(Waimiro 294AV159E/Malvern Downs Natalie) | Mr & Mrs AW Ritchie |
| 2nd Springbrook Trans Atlantic
(Generation 111/Springbrook AR41) | CJ Patterson |
| 3rd Avon Park Zulu
TND Chieftan/Harlau Honor | DC Carter |

GROUP, BULL & THREE FEMALES

- 1st Entry of AAT & LA Partridge
- 2nd Entry of CJ Patterson

GROUP OF THREE ANIMALS, MALE AND/OR FEMALE ONE YEAR OLD AND OVER THE PROGENY OF ONE SIRE.

- 1st Entry of Moneymore Simmentals

<p>JUNIOR CHAMPION BULL: Malvern Downs - Mr & Mrs AW Ritchie RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION BULL: Springbrook Trans Atlantic - CJ Patterson SUPREME CHAMPION OF BREED: Malvern Downs - Mr & Mrs AW Ritchie</p>
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ALL BREEDS SECTION

GRAND CHAMPION ALL BEEF BREEDS SENIOR COW WITH CALF AT FOOT

- 1st Charolais
- 2nd Simmental (Avon Park Posy Girl - DC Carter)
- 3rd South Devon

GRAND CHAMPION JUNIOR ALL BEEF BREEDS BULL

- 1st Simmental (Malvern Downs AY1 - Mr & Mrs AW Ritchie)
- 2nd Charolais
- 3rd Hereford

GRAND CHAMPION ALL BEEF BREEDS HEIFER

- 1st Charolais
- 2nd Simmental (Ladburn Yanshee - AAT & LA Partridge)
- 3rd Hereford

BEST TWO ANIMALS OF A BEEF BREED (ONE MALE/ONE FEMALE)

- 1st South Devon
- 2nd Charolais
- 3rd Simmental (Malvern Downs AY1 & Ladburn Yanshee)

MEAT AND WOOL CUP

- 1st South Devon
- 2nd Charolais
- 3rd Simmental (Malvern Downs AY1 - Mr & Mrs AW Ritchie)

Due to the reduced space by the Canterbury A & P Association for the Beef Breeds, the Show saw the inauguration of a Cattlemans Club. This enabled all breeds to mingle together. A barbeque was held on the Wednesday evening and all breeds were in attendance. Food was available on a continuous basis for the three days and the bar did a very steady trade. From comments received it appears that this new facility will be the norm for the future. The Breed Societies involved with the organisation of this facility should be congratulated for their forward thinking to get all breeds together, yet still keeping their individuality in the cattle lines.

CAWDOR SIMMENTAL STUD. MARUIA.

STUD MANAGER: Derek Brown (054) 38-867
DIRECTOR: Bill Macheth (03) 352-7708



We are now sufficiently confident in our alpine raised cattle to offer a limited number of bulls for sale in 1991. An open day is planned for early 1991 and a bull walk at a later date.

Enquiries are welcome and individual visits may be arranged to inspect the stud and also the commercial breeding herd. All stock are performance recorded and an active artificial breeding programme is practised.

The following sires are currently used across the stud and commercial cattle herds;

Levels Reliable (AR27)	LBJ Jade Avon Park Lily	Avon Park AW18	Avon Park Majestic Harlau BK2	Arahi Rupert Cawdor Winchester Arahi AR37
Cawdor Wassermann (AW2)	Levels Reliable Winfield Nirvana	Avon Park AW50	Malvern Downs Leonardo Harlau Honor AW11	
		Siegfried	Sultan	
			Biene	
	Sterling Parliamentarian		Heywood Ensign	
		Ravensworth Karen	Ravensworth Dianne	



'A typical Parliamentarian calf'.



'ROMULUS'

Pure German Fleckvieh

Photo taken at 18 Months.



We are pleased to say, we have some 'outstanding' Calves by this well muscled German Sire.

We have some more 'GREAT' Calves from these Bulls;

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We are also pleased to announce, that we were lucky enough to get a Bull & Heifer Calf from the two embryo's purchased at the Wai-iti Rotomara Bull & Female Sale 1990 (Wai-iti Miss Polly and Wai-iti Mr X). We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Visitors & Enquiries Welcomed - Please contact;

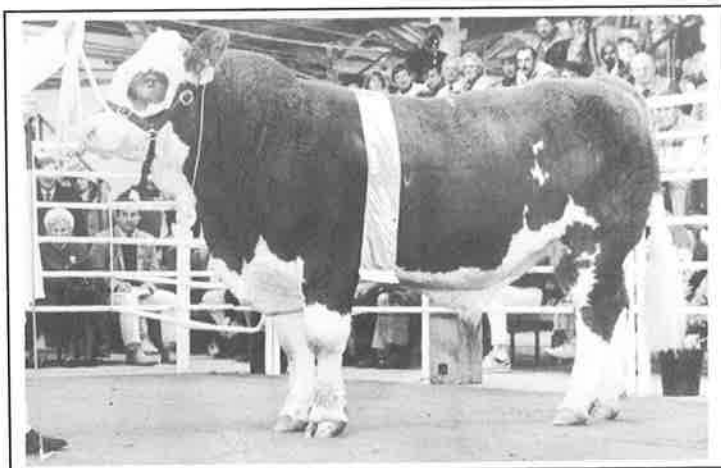
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1990 NATIONAL HERDSMANS TROPHY.



Whilst the judging takes place at each Royal Show, a competition is held which basically goes undetected. This is for the Herdsmans Trophy. Some of the criteria is the way an animal is handled, the way the animal is presented to the judge/s and personal presentation.

The 1990 winner was **Grace Holland**, daughter of BJ & JA Holland who run the Camel Wheel Simmental Stud near Rotorua. For those who do not know Grace, she is nearly 16 years of age and is still at High School. We understand the during the build up to the Royal Show, Grace worked particularly with one calf, which she trained each weekend for three months for 5 hours a day. Grace was presented with the Silver Cup at the Cocktail Party immediately prior to the Annual Dinner.



YVONNE KINGSLAND.
Beefplan 'Boss'

TAILPIECE.

A few comments from the "**OFFICE JUNIOR**" (I am the youngest member of the Staff by 2 months)

Another year has almost drawn to a close and on the whole it has been a pleasant working year. Our esteemed new leader has led the team progressively forward with new ideas that have intermingled well within the old system, with collective team work and a sense of humour it has made for a very pleasant working relationship between the three of us.

There has been the odd Monday morning that has seen Jim looking a bit disgruntled because he hasn't won a prize at golf during the weekend just passed. He, of course thought he should have, but a few minutes sat (the English say sat, we would say sitting) at the Word Processor compiling the new A.I. Sire list or putting the Magazine together and his mind forgets Golf till the next weekend comes round.

Talking of Word Processors - our latest micro chip toy can create wondrous thing under Jim's nimble (not the most apt description for the Boss's hands, but my literary vocabulary is not of the really highest degree) fingers. Bold print, small print, narrow columns, lines in strategic places and boxes for photos to recline in are all compiled with a few odd mutterings and the pressing of appropriate keys. Yvonne and I are also starting to know this wondrous new machine although we are not quite up to Jim's standard yet. One wonders how we ever managed without the Word Processor. With our nice new spacious office which overlooks the lovely Avon River, the Fax machine, Beefplan Computer and our Word Processor, we are now a very "with it" Office.

Seasons greeting to all.
Jeanette..



JEANETTE SMITH.
Accounts Person (Scrooge, to the Staff)

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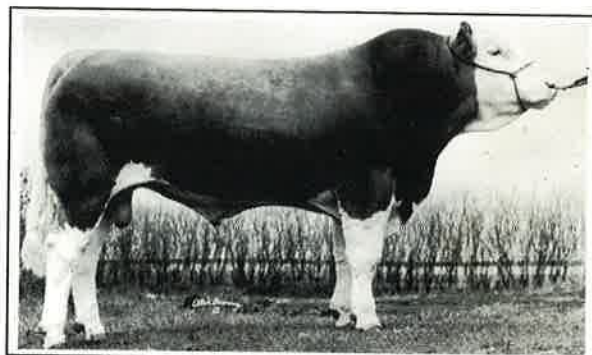
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