

# THE AUSTRALIAN Simmental NEWSLETTER

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## PRESIDENT RETURNS IMPRESSED WITH SIMMENTALS

(By the President of the Australian Simmental Breeders' Association, Mr. R. W. Vincent)

**Over the last four months, Lionel J. Busquets, general manager, A.B.S., Sydney, and I, have visited New Zealand, United Kingdom, Ireland, Europe and America. The purpose — inspecting Simmental and cattle breeds in general.**

In New Zealand we inspected a great number of first-cross calves and were impressed with what we saw.

In England we visited both the British and Scottish Royal Shows where Simmental and Simmental infused steers were on exhibition. At Leamington I attended an International Dinner on the Association's behalf. Though only comprising 21 guests, they represented 11 countries.

I was most impressed with the Scottish Simmentals and likewise with the top of the Austrian cattle in Ireland; but I was concerned with a percentage of short, dumpy cattle and this applied to some calves purchased for export to New Zealand.

I think we have to be most discriminating in this regard and go for the growthy, stretchy animal, as we have seen what compaction has done to other breeds.

In Germany, we were the guests of Imex, the largest stud exporting company in Western Europe, and during the 10 days they were an hospitable host. We were driven through Germany inspecting Simmental and some Gelbvieh. The Breed Society's control of the Simmental breed and their planned mating programmes impressed us greatly.

We were then driven through Italy and to some of the more remote parts where few Australians would have had an opportunity of inspecting the lesser known Italian breeds of Marchigiana and Romagnola, as well as the better known Chian-

ina. We also saw the assembled export of that breed on their way to Britain.

In France we were the guests of Count Louis D'Nauville, or Mr. Limousin as he is known in France, and had several days inspecting the Limousin breed. In all we visited 14 A.I. Centres, literally hundreds of herds and besides the better known European breeds we saw the lesser known breeds, such as Blonde L'Aquataine, and M'Aine Toure.

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*Who's for Cannellone? — or would you prefer delightful Inge Sandal who helped Newsletter prove Simmentals are a truly international breed. Inge, who is a photographic assistant with Australian Photographic Agency, Sydney, is from Denmark, while the tin of Cannelloni is packed by Simmenthal S.p.A., Aprilia, Italy and was bought in Maroubra, N.S.W. — and yes, like Inge — it's delicious!*

## BASICS FROM YOUR ASBA BASE . . .

Considerable confusion still exists on the requirements for numbering base dams. In the August A.S.B.A. Newsletter on the numbering of base dams I pointed out that our register could not cope with duplicate numbers.

Unfortunately, I said that the register could cope with duplicates if the base dams were of different breeds. This is wrong. Like tag colour, the register is not designed to use this information for identifying animals. The register can only cope with duplicate numbers for base dams if their year of birth is different and is given on the insemination slips.

The fundamental requirement of the register is that every animal recorded in the register must have a unique identification number. The register combines the following five pieces of information to form the identification number of each animal.

- (i) herd designation of the owner of the animal
- (ii) herd designation of the breeder of the animal (Base dams are special in that the breeder of the animal is not required to be given for enrolment, but when it is

required the current owner's herd designation should be given.)

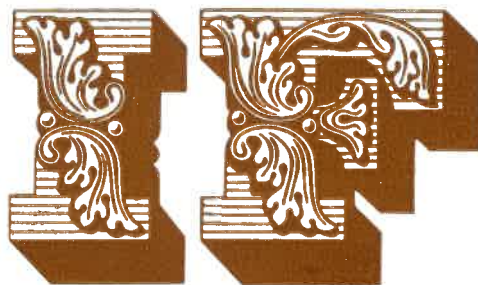
- (iii) grade code  
(Base dams are all given the grade of "O" in the register.)
- (iv) year code  
(The old insemination slip did not collect the year of birth of base dams and where they were not given the base dams were given the year of birth code "D".)
- (v) calf drop number.

Animals of different herds are identified by having different herd designations. Within herds animals are identified by having different herds of birth, year codes and calf drop numbers. (Note, all base dams are given the herd of birth of the owner.) Animals (including base dams) of different years of birth with the same calf drop number may be distinguished, but animals with the same year of birth and calf drop number cannot.

If some of your base dams have duplicate numbers on them, then please give their year of birth on the insemination slip so that they then may have different identification numbers.

If some of your base dams have duplicate numbers on them and were born in the same year then it will be necessary to extend the number so that each is recorded on the insemination slip with a different number.

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While on his recent trip president of ASBA, Mr. R. W. Vincent, attended the International Simmental dinner held at Leamington Spa. Eleven countries were represented at the dinner. In the photograph, from the left, Mr. John Young, son of the chairman; Mr. Bardin's secretary, E. Messier; Messrs. F. Bardin, France; M. Leahy, Ireland P. Massman, Germany; R. W. Vincent, Australia; W. Young (chairman) U.K. R. Kerr, New Zealand, and I. Thornton, Ireland.

## PRESIDENT IMPRESSED

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Where we came in contact with Simmentals we made a point of enquiring into calving problems. The only suspect areas appeared to be in Ireland where Austrian heifers were mated prematurely to catch the lucrative American and Canadian markets, and where some of the unbelievably small traditionally bred heifers in England were put in calf and were just not capable of delivering a live calf of what would be considered a normal size. In Europe, in the pure-bred Simmental, the problem does not appear to exist.

If we have this problems in Australia, in upgrading herds, we are not going to close our eyes to it as though it is some unfashionable subject. We will be frank and open in an endeavour to come to grips with it; but remember, we are dealing with a big breed and we may be using small cows as an upgrading vehicle.

Also, we do not require prompting from the sidelines by kindred media. Our aim should be to improve our existing herds, as cattlemen with the breed that I firmly believe can do so, and not become narrow-minded in our approach.

The acceptance of Simmental throughout Ireland, the United Kingdom, United States and Canada is complete, and the prices for calves have escalated until today heifer calves a few weeks old are commanding around £5,000 sterling.

For years Hereford has been the top semen selling breed in Scotland — five months ago it was supplanted by Simmental and it has continued to progressively dominate the market. At the

Sligo A.I. Centre, Ireland (224,000 first inseminations annually), Hereford semen sales have fallen from 48% 3 years ago, to 9% last year, Simmental again taking up the slack.

The most significant highlight of my trip was the magnificent herds of Simmental females in Germany. Here, I think is the whole strength of the breed as there are many European breeds that can provide an excellent terminal cross, but I believe there is no other breed that has as strong maternal characteristics as Simmental.

I feel, for Australia, we have the European breed that has the most to offer with the least disadvantages as it is the one breed that has not gone overboard in the dangerous trend to go all out for the leanest meat regardless of the consequences. □

## BILLINUDGEL'S FIRST SALE

Billinudgel Pastoral Co. Pty. Ltd., Mullumbimby, N.S.W. held their first production sale of several beef breeds of cattle at Mullumbimby on Saturday, September 15, 1973.

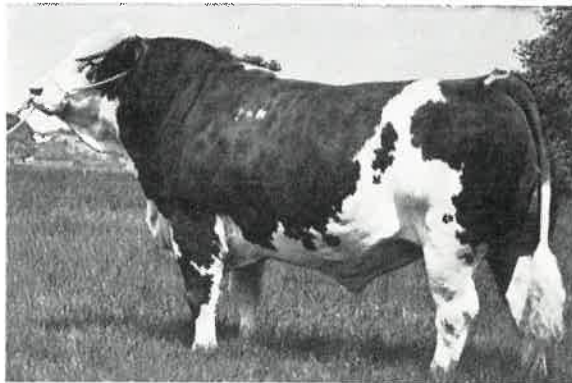
Among the offering were seven base cows with first cross calves at foot. These sold to \$900 and averaged \$617.

Three base cows in calf to Simmental bulls sold to \$475.

Would those members holding sales please ask their selling agents to send a marked catalogue of the sale to the Editor of Simmental Newsletter so that members may be kept informed of the breed's progress. □



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- MMB SEEGAR (U.K.) — \$10
- ESO SEPP (U.K.) — \$10
- ESO SIBEAU (U.K.) — \$10
- MMB THIERAUCH (U.K.) — \$10

Semen from all these bulls is in stock but supplies are limited.

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## BASICS FROM BASE

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One way of doing this is to record a given number at the front or the end of the number of one of the cows. If for example you had two Herefords (one with red and one with a blue tag) and one fire branded Friesian cow all identified with the number 10 and all born in the one year, then they could all be distinguished and recorded with unique identification if you added to the front of the 10 when you recorded their numbers say a "90" to indicate a red tag and a "80" to indicate a blue tag.

Thus you would record the red tagged Hereford with the number 9010, the blue tagged Hereford with the number 8010 and the Friesian as number 10.

The "90" at the start of a calf drop number would indicate to you that it was a red tagged Hereford and the "80" that it was a blue tagged Hereford base dam.

If insemination slips are sent of base dams with duplicate numbers then only one of the cows can be entered in the register and have her calves registered.

This problem should not occur with calves if the A.S.B.A. regulations are followed, as, irrespective of sex, all calves born in the one year should have different calf drop numbers tattooed into their near ears.

We seek your co-operation with the numbering of base dams as delays in having your inseminations processed through the Association's Recording Register can be avoided if the numbers of your base dams are recorded correctly. □

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**Those members who have not yet forwarded AI Certificates to enroll their herd please do so immediately. All certificates must be returned whether the cow has calved or not or if she is in calf or not. This records the number of doses of semen that have been used.**

Considerable time is taken up between the enrolling of herds and the first registration of calves. While the current AI Certificates are being used for this purpose the information has to be transcribed into computer form at the R.A.S. prior to being forwarded to Armidale for enrollment.

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If you have had A.I. Certificates returned to you for correction of duplicated cow, identification number or for any other reason, please oblige by returning these promptly, as your complete herd enrolment is held up until these have been amended.

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Would any members who have imported cattle from N.Z. please forward all details of the N.Z.

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transfers, also details of the dam and sire etc. as we are now ready to record these animals in a special N.Z. section of the register.

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When completing mating and calving data printouts the results of **all** inseminations both male and female calves, must be recorded. These male calves must also be identified with the tattoo system as laid down by the Association.

DAVID THOMAS, Executive Officer.

## PRESENTATION OF SALE SIMMENTALS

**Mr. Dougal G. Mactaggart, Southport, Qld., Chairman of the Queensland Branch of ASBA, has issued a word of warning to breeders proposing to hold sales in the near future.**

"The Simmental is a new breed in this country," said Mr. McTaggart, "and apart from facing stiff competition from other breeds already in this country, has to prove itself in the eyes of the Australian cattlemen.

"I would therefore suggest that all breeders intending to hold sales should take a good, hard look at the way in which their cattle are presented.

"It is not good enough to offer a beast just because she is in calf to Simmental semen, or has a Simmental cross calf at foot. Both the dam and the calf must look the part and if they have been through a bad time, or had some health set back, they simply should not be offered.

"Eye appeal and quality have a lot to do with the acceptance of a breed, particularly when it is new to this country," Mr. McTaggart concluded.



*An outstanding Simmental heifer by Marquis and bred by Mr. Jerry Rankin, of Westdrums, Scotland. The calf was bought by Mr. Lionel Busquets for Fleurs Exotic Stud Cattle Co., N.S.W., and will be exported to New Zealand. The Rankin Simmental herd is highly regarded in the U.K.*



# Berry Simmental Calving Records

The following results of a survey conducted on 939 calvings has been released by the Scottish Milk Marketing Board through their main Australian agents, Dairy Industry Authority of N.S.W., Berry. The survey covered the calving results of cows bred to six German Simmental bulls stationed at the Scottish Milk Marketing Boards Centre.

	TOTAL NO. OF CALVINGS	AYSHIRE DAMS	FRIESIAN DAMS	ASSISTED CALVINGS ALL BREEDS	
		AVERAGE BIRTH WEIGHT	AVERAGE BIRTH WEIGHT	FARMER ASSISTED	ASSISTED VETERINARY
Scottish Neff	125	85	96	4.8%	0%
Scottish Marquis	144	94	94	0.7%	0.7%
Scottish Pride	141	97.5	104	2.8%	1.4%
Scottish Neptune	154	90	92	3.9%	0.6%
Scottish Herod	298	90	100	3.0%	0.6%
Scottish Hope	77	88	94	0%	1.3%
OVERALL	939	91	97.7	2.7%	0.7%

These German Simmental bulls have proved extremely popular with Australian breeders and the above calving information will be a useful guide to breeders. Results under Australian conditions to date indicate that our percentage of assisted calvings is somewhat lower than that recorded overseas and this generally is attributed to the condition of our females prior to and at time of calving.

Semen of the Scottish Milk Marketing Board German Simmental bulls is at present in short supply but orders are being accepted by Dairy Industry Authority of N.S.W. and other Scottish Milk Marketing Board agents in all states.

The Simmental breed has met a strong acceptance in Australia and early reports confirm their rapid growth potential. This rapid growth rate coupled with their high milk production indicates that the Simmental will be a valuable contribution to the Australian cattle industry as a cross with our existing breeds.

The milk producing ability of first and subse-

## MEMBERSHIP AND BASE DAMS

Mr. David Thomas, executive officer of ASBA has informed Newsletter that membership of the Association has increased by 48 since our last publication and now stands at 564 plus 10 associate members (an increase of three). All States showed an increase over the period.

Mr. Herb Plunkett of the Agricultural Business Research Institute, responsible for the computer recording of ASBA records, has reported that the quent cross females should make them excellent mothers for vealer and beef production. 10 000th base dam has now been enrolled. □

## DEATH OF MEMBER

It is with regret that we announced the death of one of the Association's early members, Mr. Charles V. Forshaw, of Cronulla.

Mr. Forshaw joined the Association on 5.6.71 under his trading name of Geju Pty. Ltd., and was building up his herd at Lincoln Hills, Ilford, N.S.W.

A very keen supporters of the breer, Mr. Forshaw was an active member of the N.S.W. committee and his deliberations and sound common sense will be missed at future meetings.

It was Mr. Forshaw's cow and first cross calf that gave the general public their first look at a Simmental when they were displayed in the animal nursery at the 1973 Sydney Royal Show.

Mr. Forshaw died suddenly of a heart attack last July and on behalf of all members of the ASBA we pass on our deepest sympathy to his family.

## DALFARM SERVICES

Mr. Storm Jacklin, manager of Dalfarm A.B. Services, Sydney, told Newsletter last week that on September 24, 1973, Dalfarm obtained their licence for their new service division, Dalfarm A.B. Services Semen Bank.

The Semen Bank is situated in Smail Street, Ultimo and licensed technician in charge is Mr. Nick Allen, well known to Dalfarm clients.

## NICE CALVES BUT WHOSE HERD?

Would the owner of the herd who forwarded a long list of inseminations to the ASBA some weeks ago please identify himself. The list arrived but there is no name or address on the sheets.

To assist in identification the bulls used were Scottish Pride, Hampshire Robinson (we think that's the name), Avoncroft Astor, Bon Ami, Adrian, Julius, Scottish Neff, Klaus and Texas. — Ed. □

## PURE BRED SIMMENTAL TO BE OFFERED

An historical highlight in the Australian beef cattle industry will be the first ever offering of a pure bred Simmental bull at the McLaughlin Simmental sale to be held at Glen Parc, Mittagong, N.S.W. on Saturday, November 10.

This is the second annual McLaughlin Simmental sale, and apart from the pure bred bull stud and commercial breeders will be offered two half bred Simmental heifers, 15 months old, pregnancy tested in calf to Scottish Herod, 15 half bred Simmental heifers, eight months old by German Fleckvieh sires and 60 half bred Simmental bulls also by German Fleckvieh sires.

All these cattle are from top quality Hereford cows from the famous Wallamumbi and Congi herds.

The young pure bred bull, who will be just over four months old when offered, was calved in New Zealand in the Blythe Simmental stud of Mr. R. G. Macdonald, Kaiapoi, Canterbury, on whose account he will be offered.

He is by Friarton Aaron from Stuartslaw Amy. Friarton Aaron was by one of the noted sires of the breed, Scottish Herod and although he was put straight to work at an A.I. centre on his arrival in N.Z. he still managed to achieve a 400 day weight of 1,300lb. Aaron unfortunately came to a premature end after swallowing a three inch nail.

## HEALTHY BALANCE

Mr. G. F. M. Quinn, treasurer of ASBA has informed Newsletter that preliminary figures for the six months to June 30, 1973, show an estimated surplus of income over expenditure of \$3,983.96.

Whenever Simmental have been introduced there has been a growing demand from commercial breeders for the first cross bulls and there is sure to be a steady demand for the 60 to be offered at Glen Parc.

Half bred Simmental bulls are ideal for the commercial breeder who wishes to take advantage of hybrid vigour, quicker weight gain and inbred milk potential. The male progeny make ideal cattle for feedlotters.

Selling agents for the sale are Animal Breeding Services (Aust.) Pty. Ltd., Dalgety Aust. Ltd. and Elders GM Ltd. □

## CAR STICKERS NOW AVAILABLE!

If you haven't asked for yours — write the Secretary, Australian Simmental Breeders' Association, Box 4317, G.P.O., Sydney 2001.



Here is the young Simmental calf creating breed history in Australia. This is Blythe Debonair, c.5.7.73, with his dam, Stuartslaw Amy, photographed on his home pastures at Blythe Simmental, Kaiapoi, Canterbury, N.Z., just prior to his departure for Australia. Blythe Debonair will be offered at McLaughlin Simmental sale, Glen Parc, Mittagong, N.S.W. on Saturday, November 10, a/c his breeder, Mr. R. G. Macdonald — the first pure Simmental to be offered in this country.

## SIMMENTAL EXPERT ON LECTURE TOUR

Mr. Karl Mueller, an official representative to Australia for West Germany for the Orange Field Days, is also a noted cattle authority and will give lectures throughout Australia and New Zealand on the Simmental breed during his whirlwind tour.

Mr. Mueller is being organised on his trip by the ASBA and he will be accompanied by Mr. Harry M. Miller, vice chairman of the N.S.W. Branch, through the Eastern States and N.Z.

Mr. Mueller is Director of Agriculture for Bavaria, head of the cattle breeding section in the Ministry of Agriculture, secretary of the Fleckvieh, Gelbvieh and Braunvieh Societies and secretary of all Bavarian A.I. centres.

All members and others interested are invited to attend Mr. Mueller's lectures and are requested to contact the people given below to indicate they will be attending. Main dates for Mr. Mueller's lectures are:

**November 13:** Orange Agricultural College. 8 p.m. Contact Mr. J. H. Mackenzie.

**November 14-15:** Orange Field Days at Simmental display.

**November 15:** Sydney, lecture and function, 8.15 p.m. Contact Mr. David Thomas (31 7781).

**November 16:** Brisbane, lecture and cocktail party. Contact Mr. Dougal Mactaggart (90 4014).

**November 17:** University of New England,

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# **1<sup>ST.</sup> Pure Simmental ever offered in Australia!**

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**NOVEMBER 10, 1973**

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half bred Simmental heifers, 15 months old, pregnancy tested in calf to Scottish Herod.

**15**

half bred Simmental heifers, 8 months old. All the females are by German Fleckvieh sires from top quality Hereford cows.

**60**

half bred Simmental bulls by German Fleckvieh sires from top quality Hereford cows. (12 are a/c Red Beef Cattle Co., Mittagong.)

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*Blythe Debonair, c. 5.7.73 by Friarton Aaron from Stuartslaw Amy.*

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This issue of Simmental Newsletter sees the start of publication of our total membership list. In subsequent issues all members will be listed and then new members recorded as they join the Association. Newsletter suggest you mark these issues or tear out the pages and use as a ready reference file.

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## Progress Report on Victorian Feeding Trial

Newsletter is indebted to Mr. J. E. H. Fairchild of Crieff Park Simmental, Tinamba, Vic., for the following progress figures of a Simmental calf feeding trial being carried out by Barastoc Products Pty. Ltd.

To conduct the trial Barastoc bought 12 Friesian-Simmental cross bull calves and two Friesian-Simmental cross heifers. Some of these being displayed at the recent Melbourne Royal Show.

Mr. Clive Scoble of Barastoc recently gave Mr. Fairchild the following progress on the feeding trial which centre around feeding calf pellets and in some cases Acme Milk Replacer as well.

The eldest three bull calves, all born on the same day and the ones displayed at Melbourne, have shown an average daily weight gain of 3.02 lb. with the best one gaining 3.29lb. in their seventh week.

Of the other nine which are kept at the Barastoc experiment farm at Lyndhurst. one lot of three had an average daily gain of 2.36in., the

next lot a daily gain of 1.76lb. in their fifth week of age and the last lot showed an average daily gain of 1.47lb., also in their fifth week of age.

It is interesting to note that as these calves pass their fifth week of age their average daily gain per day up to seven weeks of age shows an approximate one lb. per day gain in each of the two weeks.

Mr. Scoble told Mr. Fairchild he was extremely pleased with the progress of these calves. □

## ON LECTURE TOUR

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Armidale, 9 a.m., lecture, sponsored by Bureau of Agricultural Economics. Contact Arthur Rickards.

**November 21:** Melbourne, night lecture and function. Contact Mr. Robert Beggs (Stockyard Hill 38).

**November 22:** Adelaide, night lecture and function. Contact Mr. D. Baker (Furner 34 3031).

**November 23:** Perth, night lecture and function. Contact Mr. R. Vincent (Perth 32 242).



## LIST OF ASBA APPROVED SIRES

The following bulls have been registered with the ASBA and are now on the Approved Sires' List. Members will be advised as more sires are added. Only semen from those bulls approved by the Association may be used if the progeny is to be registered with the Association.

SCOTTISH HEROD, SCOTTISH MILK MARKETING.

SCOTTISH HOPE, SCOTTISH MILK MARKETING.

SCOTTISH MARQUIS, SCOTTISH MILK MARKETING.

SCOTTISH NEFF, SCOTTISH MILK MARKETING.

SCOTTISH NEPTUNE, SCOTTISH MILK MARKETING.

SCOTTISH PRIDE, SCOTTISH MILK MARKETING.

AVONCROFT JOGGI, AVONCROFT CATTLE BREEDERS.

AVONCROFT ASTER, AVONCROFT CATTLE BREEDERS.

FRIARTON AARON, NEW ZEALAND.

TATTENHALL AMENDMENT, NEW ZEALAND.

COWCROFT ALBION, NEW ZEALAND.

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DIPLOMAT.

And added just at the time of going to press:

MUNTER, CANADIAN STOCK BREEDERS.

HARALD, CANADIAN STOCK BREEDERS.

SAMBO, CANADIAN STOCK BREEDERS.

BARON, CANADIAN SIMMENTAL ASSOC.

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## DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER

The next issue of the Australian Simmental Newsletter will be published early in December, 1973.

Deadline for booking advertising space is Wednesday, November 17 and deadline for receipt of advertising copy and editorial contributions is November 24.

The Editor may be contacted by writing to Alan Kay, 51B Bundarra Road, Bellevue Hill, N.S.W. 2023 or phone: 26 6941 business hours; 36 5617 evening.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Sir: We think the following information may be of interest to you for the next Newsletter.

We were invited to display 3 of our first cross Simmentals at the Beaudesert Show on September 7-8 and at Beenleigh Show on September 15. We chose 1 bull and 2 heifers from our bucket fed group. The general interest shown in the breed was very good. Even large breeders of established breeds in this country, agreed the Simmentals have a good future.

We handed out a lot of the promotional material we obtained from you. In addition we made two large posters with a large numbers of pure bred bulls and cows illustrated on them. We also put progeny test charts and other breed comparisons on the posters.

Although the calves had only been handled and tied up twice before the Beaudesert Show they proved the docility of the breed by allowing children to sit on them. We thought we would have a bit of difficulty lifting 300lb. calves onto our utility to transport them, but by the third loading, to take them back on the second show day, they just jumped on. Even the next week for the Beenleigh Show they still remembered what was required.

As a further matter of interest we weigh all our calves every thirty days and so far in the past 60 days the 16 bucket reared calves have gained 1.86lb. per day and the 14 on the cows have gained 2.25lb., one particular bull calf gained 100lb. in the last 30 days.

V. Schlodfeldt,  
H. & C. QUAST & K. & V. SCHLODFELDT,  
LINCONFIELD STUD,  
BEAUDESERT.

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## COUNCIL MEETING IN MELBOURNE

A Council Meeting of ASBA was held in Melbourne, September 24, 1973 during the holding of the Melbourne Royal Show.

Councillors present were: R. W. Vincent in the Chair and the following Councillors. R. Beggs, H. Hopkins, T. Liley, P. McLaughlan (Vic.), D. S. Bain, C. Bowman, P. Magennis, G. Quinn (N.S.W.), D. S. Baker (S.A.), A. Fletcher (W.A.), J. A. Dumaresq (Tas.), J. Witherspoon and D. G. McTaggart proxy for E. G. Ryland (Qld.).

Also present: H. J. Plunkett, A.B.R.I., Armidale; H. M. Miller (N.S.W.). D. Thomas was in attendance.

Apologies: J. Young (S.A.).

Council adopted a resolution that the word "sponsored" be dropped from sales approved by the Association and instead these be known as "Association approved" sales.

To oversee these sales inspectors will be appointed in each State. At an Association approved sale only those females that are registered or are eligible for registration may be offered after inspection.

Bulls — other than pure bred — must be

sold as commercial bulls without approval or inspection by the Association.

Any advertisement for an Association approved sale must detail the circumstances outlined above.

Total costs incurred by the inspectors are to be met by the owner of the herd involved.



Mr. Morris C. Sheehy, Merrymount, Wicklow, Ireland, has an excellent herd of Austrian Simmentals, of which this heifer is an example. Fifteen months old, she has just been joined. An Australian syndicate has bought the entire expected heifer drop from this mating.

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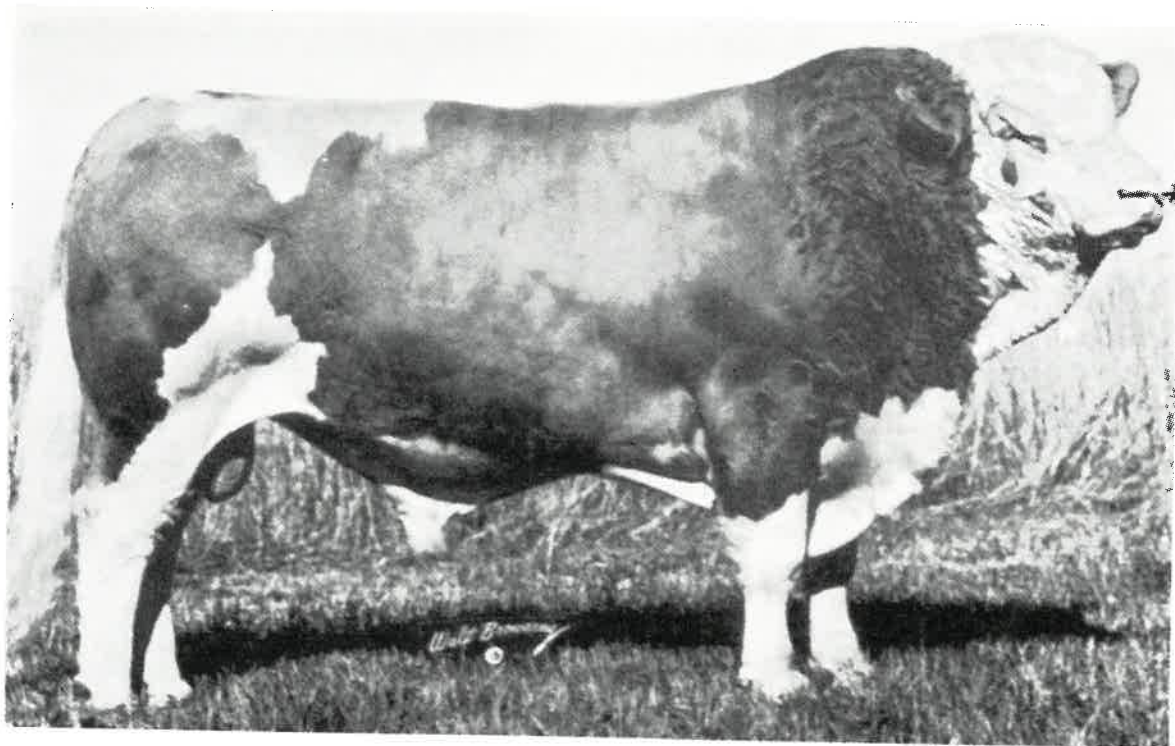
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**URAL — CSA 114. C. 3.2.69**

Sire: Comet (Type score 96); dam: Udetta (Type Score 93). Weight, Nov. 1, 1972 — 2,285lb.

"Ural" is one of the best rumped bulls in all the new imports. He is wide at the pins and thurls and strong over the loin. He is light coloured with colour pigment around his eyes. His dam is a model Simmental cow, good uddered, long and well balanced. She is from a strong cow family, with two sisters and two daughters in the herd. She has won awards for lifetime performance, fertility, milk production and the Swiss herd book award. Ural has an ultrasonic rib eye measurement of 19.5 inches at 30 months of age.

**ORDER NOW — SEMEN AVAILABLE FOR DELIVERY JANUARY, 1974.**

#### URAL PROGENY TEST SUMMARY

Ease of Calving Summary				Weaning Summary		Feed Test Summary				Carcass Evaluation Summary			
No. of Calves	Birth Weight	% Born Unassist.	% Death Loss	200 Day Wn. Wt.		No. of Calves	A.D.G. To Wean	A.D.G. On Feed	Weight At End Of Test	Carcass Wt. Per Day Of Age	Dressing %	Loin Eye Area Sq. In.	Fat Cover Per 100 lb
				Male	Female								
54	90 lb	95	1	537 lb	516 lb.	15	2.28 lb	3.02 lb	1159 lb	1.61	60%	11.74	.09
STATION AVERAGE						50	2.09 lb	2.76 lb	1058 lb	1.47	59.7%	11.07	.10

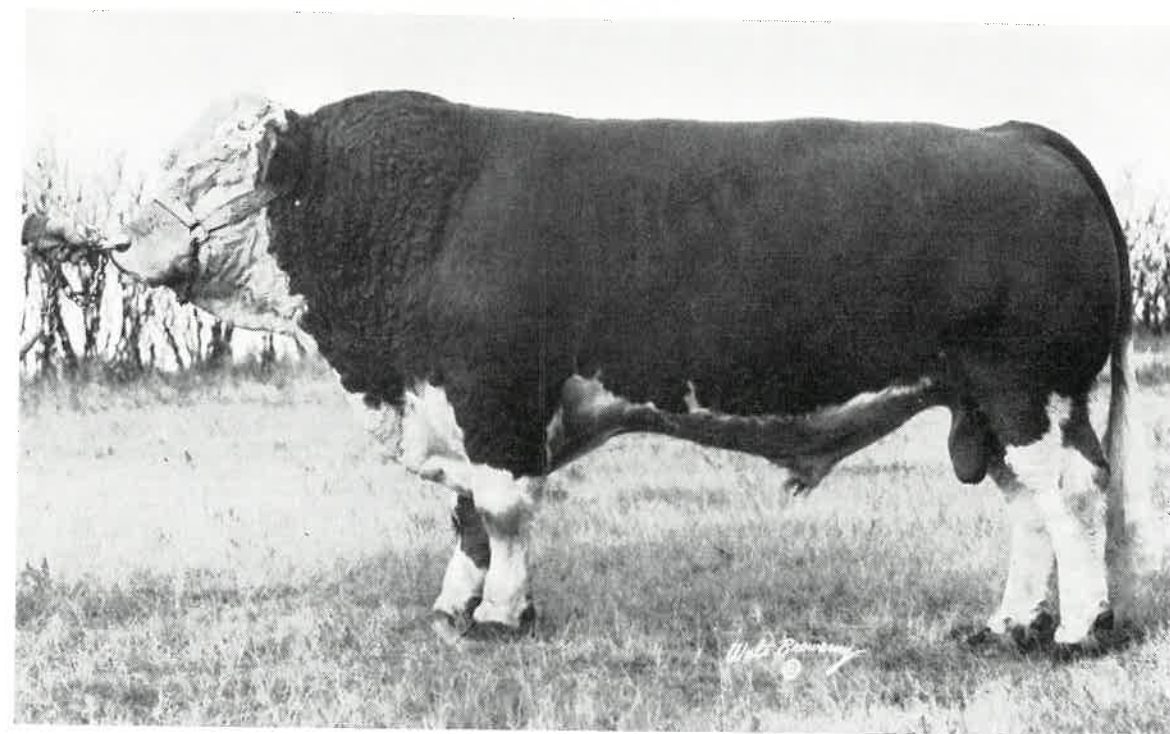
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**BARON — CSA 113. C. 8.1.69**

Weight: 1.11.72 — 2,325lb. by Forester — MM4799 from Bolongne — MM 3640.

"Baron" is a real breeders bull. He is masculine, is well marked, has plenty of length. He stands on excellent feet and legs. His sire, Forester, is long and trim with real good muscling in his rear quarter. He is in service at the A.I. Centre in Neuchatel, Switzerland and has a score of 94 on classification. Longevity, steady milk production, high test and regular breeders are strong in Baron's pedigree. His sire has been a top money winner four times in annual competition. A Baron sired calf topped the 1972 Canadian Simmental Sale at \$16,200.00.

#### BARON PROGENY TEST SUMMARY

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				Male	Female									
223	85.5 lb	99	0	521 lb	488 lb	15	2.37 lb	2.83 lb	1131 lb	1.60	59.7	11.56	.09	
STATION AVERAGE						50	2.09 lb	2.09 lb	1058 lb	1.47	59.7	11.07	.10	

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# Know Your Council

## EXECUTIVE OFFICER THOMAS

**David Bruce Thomas, 48, Executive Officer of the ASBA, is no stranger to the land or the cattle industry as he has managed and owned properties in both Scotland and Australia and has run his own Hereford herd and stud.**

David was born in Edinburgh, Scotland and spent his young life growing up on his father's farm where he gained experience in agriculture and stock husbandry. Came the war and he did a 3½-year stint in R.A.F. aircrew and on his discharge when back to manage the family farm.

In 1948 he married Betty Milligan from Manchester and they came to Australia in 1948, which is not surprising as David's father was an Australian from Bibbenluke, N.S.W.



*David Thomas*

Early in 1951 he bought a cattle property, Strathardle, in the Casino district of N.S.W. where he ran a Hereford herd and fattened steers. In 1954 he founded the Strathardle Hereford stud, using South Boorook bulls. The bloodlines of his breeding females predominantly went back to Vern Vereker (imp.), one of the noted Hereford sires in Australia of 20 years ago.

For the last two years, before he sold the property in 1971,

he was conducting a performance testing programme.

During his 23 years in the Casino district he was a member of the Graziers' Association of N.S.W. and three years chairman of the Casino branch. He was secretary of the North Coast District Council of the Graziers' Association and a member of the board of directors for four years of Northern Co-op. Meat Co., one of the most successful in Australia.

In 1971 David was forced to sell the property due to the recurrence of a back injury, and now lives at Pymble, Sydney, with his family which comprises his wife and two daughters, Alison 21, at present on a working holiday in Scotland, and Patricia 15. His hobby is boating.

David, who is a J.P., has looked after the affairs of the ASBA since its formation and the Association is fortunate in having a practical cattleman and stud breeder handling its affairs. □

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