

THE AUSTRALIAN Simmental

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DECEMBER, 1973

The Simmental Arrives!

\$22,500 For First Pure Simmental Sold In Australia

Simmental history was made in Australia at the McLaughlin Simmental sale at Glen Parc, Mittagong, on Saturday when the bull calf Blythe Debonair was sold for \$22,500.

Blythe Debonair (5/7/73) by Friarton Aaron from Stuartslaw Amy (imp.) was offered account Mr. and Mrs. Ran Macdonald, Kaiapoi, New Zealand, who conduct the Blythe Simmental stud.

He was the first pure bred Simmental offered for sale at auction in Australia and was brought by Tenderloin Stud, via Gingin, West Australia, which is owned by Messrs. Rob Hyde, Ray Rigg and Mick Patton.

Bidding agents for the young bull was Elders-GM, Sydney, with Mr. Alan Rowe in charge.

The sale, the second conducted for McLaughlin Simmentals, Armidale, was attended by more than 200 people from many parts of the state, Victoria, Queensland and Western Australia.

Four vendors offered cattle — Mr. McLaughlin, half bred Simmental bulls and heifers; Mr. and Mrs. Macdonald, the pure bred bull; Red Beef Cattle Company Glen Parc, Mittagong, half bred Simmental bulls; R. and D. Kerr, Salisbury, Timaru, N.Z., one half bred bull; Wog Wog, Bidges Farm Partnership, Nerriga, Hereford cows with half bred Simmental calves.

The sale gross was \$63,700 and the breakdown of sale figures were: Bythe Debonair pure bred bull calf \$22,500; two half bred females, 15 months, in calf to Scottish Herod, \$4,100, av. \$2,050; 30 Hereford cows with half bred Simmental calves, \$19,050, av. \$635; 15 half heifers, \$11,050, av. \$766.66; 16 half bred bulls, \$7,000, av. \$440.

The top price for females was \$2,100 paid by

Waterloo Grazing Company, Moss Vale, for a half bred heifer tested in calf to Scottish Herod.

Animal Breeding Services (Aust.) bought the second PTIC half bred for \$2,000.

Local buyers competed with bidders from

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Blythe Debonair, No. 1 in Australia, sold for \$22,500, here held by Mr. Ran Macdonald, with Mr. Rob Hyde, Tenderloin stud and Mr. Alan Rowe, Elders-GM.

What does it look like ?

Simmental Newsletter is indebted to member, Mr. F. D. Mayo, B.V.Sc., of Logan Park Simmental stud, Loganholme, Qld. for the following article on diseases in cattle. Stated in layman's language, it is the first of several Mr. Mayo, a qualified veterinary, will write for Newsletter. — Ed.

Genetic variation, whether due to random recombination of genes at fertilization or to mutation, is the means of evolution and the tool of the animal breeder.

But, with the favourable variations in gene patterns come also the unfavourable, so much at times as to result in completely unacceptable offspring. This constitutes a loss to the animal breeder, of particular importance to those of us trying to introduce a new breed into the country.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER

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

Deadline for booking advertising space is Wednesday, January 9, 1974, and deadline for receipt of advertising copy and editorial contributions is Friday, January 18, 1974.

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.

Whilst genetic change is normal and healthy and occurs in all breeds and species, it is clear that certain types of genetic defect favour certain breeds. As our members grade up their herds to purebred Simmentals, and indeed when we get around to breeding from purebreds, we must be ever alert for not only the obvious genetic defects, but also the insidious less-easily-picked deformities which can spread so rapidly through a breed before being recognised.

Of course, this is so much more likely to happen with a breed relying on importation of semen from relatively few bulls. For example, hip dysplasia, may show itself only as a disinclination to mount cows in later life. Earlier semen collection could have scattered the problem widely.

It is fair to say that while Government A.I. centres by and large put great emphasis on progeny testing, there are already several known cases of spread of inherited deformities through sale of semen.

We must at all times be vigilantly on the watch for genetic defects and record these with our

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FIRST VICTORIAN INVITATION SIMMENTAL SALE

"STREAMVILLE"
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FRIDAY, 15th MARCH, 1974

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Valuable Simmentals. These cows and calves are Austrian Simmentals and were photographed during the President, Mr. Dick Vincent's recent overseas tour. They were at Mr. Padge Berry's Ballyowen property, Wexford, South Ireland. They are Austrian heifers with their first calf and what makes them rather special is that the 30 cows and 29 calves in the herd were sold to U.S.A. for £ster.4,400 per head!

Newsletter wishes all readers
a Merry Christmas and a Happy
New Year.--Ed.

McLAUGHLIN SALE

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throughout N.S.W., and from Queensland as well as W.A.

McLaughlin Simmentals unjoined half-bred heifers went to:

R. and B. Tolson, Bulga, \$650; Ranimat Pty. Ltd., Mittagong, \$700, \$800; Red Beef Co., Mittagong, \$600, \$700; Waterloo Grazing Co., Qld., \$600, \$800, \$900, \$700, \$1,000, \$1,100; Woodbury Farm, Bowral, \$850; D. J. Mitchell Windsor, \$700; Ryan, Murchison, Vic., \$700, \$700.

Half-bred McLaughlin bulls sold to: S. R. L. May, Picton, \$700, \$550, \$400; Elders, Goulburn, \$400; Mort and Co., Sydney, \$400, \$400; Elders, Bathurst, \$500, \$400; W. and E. Engel Partnership, Lake Illawarra \$350, \$400; Ranimat, \$400; Bullio Past. Co., Mittagong, \$450.

Selling agents were ABS (Aust.) Pty. Ltd. (Mr. Geoff Mort selling); Dalgety (Mr. Peter Norrie selling); Elders-GM (Mr. Tony Dowe).

(With acknowledgments to Country Life and The Land Newspapers.)

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Association, especially those mentioned in our ASBA Regulations.

So that members may more easily recognise the latter problems, I will attempt to describe them briefly in this and subsequent issues.

Arthrogryposis

This is a common abnormality in many species and breeds and it is usually associated with cleft palate.

Apart from specific nerve damage, there is usually a weakness in muscle groups, kneecaps and joints to present a picture of distortion of limbs which is always bilateral (see photo). Calving problems with this type of calf are common and of course its survival rate is zero.

The important thing is to record the case as ARTHROGRYPOSIS.



BASICS FROM YOUR ASBA BASE

Members who have 1972 insemination details still outstanding please forward immediately to this office so that enrolment details can be finalised on the Register for that year.

Base Dam Enrolment Forms

When completing these please make sure that all the boxes in the right hand side are filled in exactly as shown on the specimen copy.

Duplication of cow identification numbers must not occur.

Hereford born 1967, tag 1 and Shorthorn born 1967, tag 1, will both show on the Register as L0001.

The easiest way to correct this would be to alter the year of birth of one animal, say to 1968, making M0001.

Members are also reminded that it is the responsibility of vendors of sale cattle to issue trans-

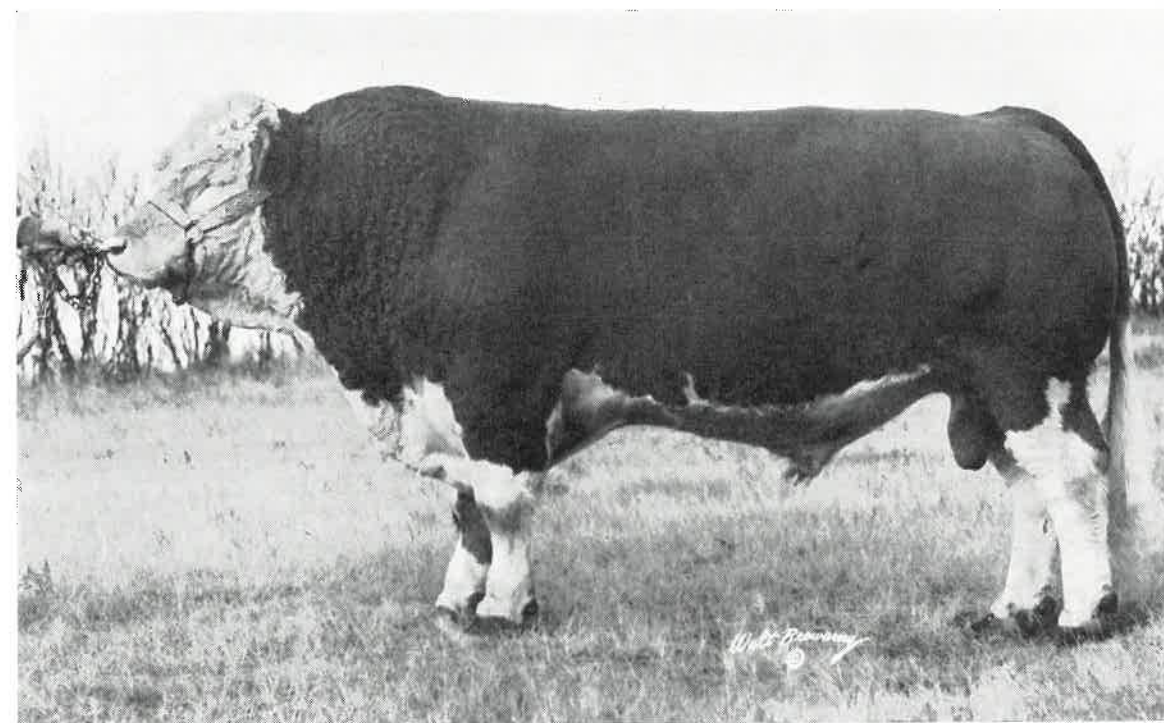
fers on the Association official Transfer Certificates to the purchaser and to pay the \$4.00 transfer fee and the 1% Levy of the gross sale price.

Members are requested to forward direct to the Secretary calf registration and performance printouts with your cheque — \$4 per registration. These printouts are **not** to be returned direct to ABRI.

I am pleased to report that since the last Newsletter, membership of ASBA has increased by 20 and now stands at 584.

I have enjoyed meeting many members throughout the year and look forward to seeing many more in the future. I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone the Compliments of the Season.

DAVID THOMAS,
Executive Officer.



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

Ease of Calving Summary				Weaning Summary		Feed Test Summary				Carcass Evaluation Summary				
Number 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. Inch	Cover Fat Per 100 lb	
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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AUSTRALIAN SIMMENTAL BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION LTD. INSEMINATION & BASE DAM ENROLMENT CERTIFICATE

NAME: J. SMITH No. 823
ADDRESS: THE WILLOWS
MUDGEEE Postcode 2850
COW: HEREFORD ANGUS CROSS
YEAR OF BIRTH: 1967 Tag No. 48

INSEMINATIONS PERFORMED:

1. Bull SCOTTISH HERD Batch 1111
Inseminator's Signature: J. Duff Date 17/12/72
2. Bull HAMPSHIRE MAYER Batch 01578
Inseminator's Signature: J. Duff Date 4/2/73
3. Bull Batch
Inseminator's Signature: Date
SIGNATURE OF OWNER: J. Smith
DATE: 4/2/73

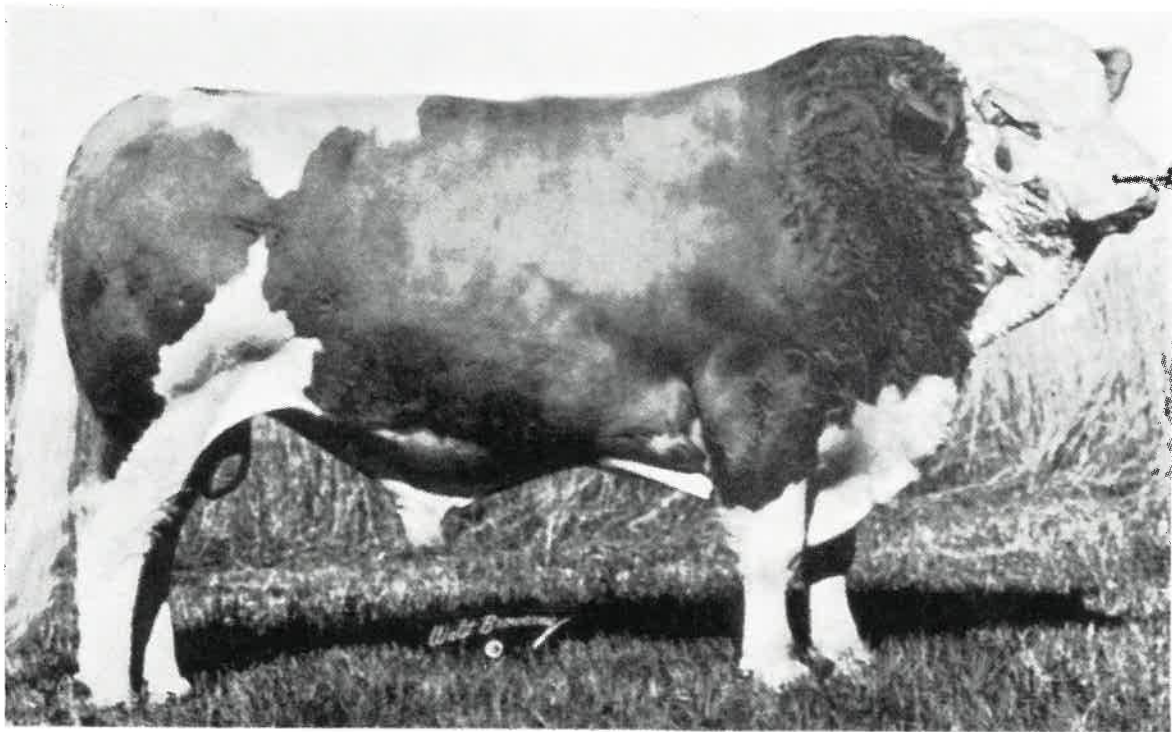
Illustrated above is the correct way to fill in an insemination and base dam enrolment form. (See Basics from ASBA Base . . .).

INFORMATION WHICH MUST BE PROVIDED FOR SIMMENTAL RECORDING REGISTER

Herd Designation: XYZ
Cow Ident.: XYZO L0048
Insemination Details:
1. Sire Ident. 1MGP N0006
Date: 17 12 72
2. Sire Ident. 1MGP N0002
Date: 4 3 73
3. Sire Ident.
Date:

COMPLETE THIS SECTION ONLY IF COW IS A BASE DAM NOT PREVIOUSLY ENROLLED

Breed: HHA
Eye Pigmentation } OFF 3 NEAR 0
Degree of Horn } Optional Information S
AND IF NATURAL SERVICE, STATE:
Sire Ident.



URAL — CSA 114. C. 3.2.69

Sire: Comet (Type score 96); dam: Udette (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.

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URAL PROGENY TEST SUMMARY

Ease of Calving Summary				Weaning Summary		Feed Test Summary				Carcass Evaluation Summary			
No. of Calves	Birth Weight	% Born Unassist.	% Deat 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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Lessons Learnt from Early Sales

(By Doug. Bain, Chairman of the N.S.W. Branch and Councillor of the A.S.B.A.)

The Simmental breed, and particularly Simmental breeders in Australia, owe a debt of gratitude to Mr. Dale McLaughlin of McLaughlin Simmentals, Palaroo, Armidale, N.S.W.

Attempting to establish a new breed in a country is always a risky business as its ultimate acceptability is locked in the eyes and minds of the country's cattlemen and in the eventual performance of the breed.

Therefore, to Dale and his family, we, as breeders, owe a debt of gratitude in that he saw the possibilities and had the courage of his convictions to back his judgment with some of the first large imports of Simmentals to Australia.

Their recent 2nd Annual Sale, held at Glen Parc, Mittagong, has added a further chapter to Simmental history, by acting as a barometer of values for various classes of Simmental stock. There are valuable lessons to be learnt from this sale.

The eager demand showed there is a ready market for first cross cows in calf to Simmentals, while the \$22,500 paid for Mr. Ran Macdonald's pure bred bull shows that the breed will meet with a ready acceptance in this country.

But we cannot turn a blind eye to the very limited demand that existed for the first cross bulls. At best it would seem that what demand does exist is at a strictly commercial level.

I would like to suggest that this is how this particular segment of an upgrading breeding programme should be approached.

The place for these young bulls is as steers in the market place. Not only are they ideal butcher's meat, but by using them in this manner

we will increase the flow of Simmental blood cattle through our markets and more readily, by their performance, gain the butcher's acceptance.

Apart from this commercial aspect we should also be thinking of cutting them for entry in carcass shows throughout Australia. I am sure it is here the first cross bull can be of greatest value in helping the Simmental gain the recognition it deserves.

SIMMENTAL GROUP FORMED IN VIC.

Four Simmental breeders in the Mansfield district of Victoria have banded together to promote local interest in the breed and to conduct what is hoped will be the first of a series of annual display/sales of quality Simmental cattle.

Mansfield is predominantly a mountain cattle area in North-eastern Victoria where top lines of Hereford cattle have been bred for many years.

It is hoped that careful promotion and a quality product will encourage further local breeders to try Simmental and may well build the district into a major seedstock production area for the State.

The Group's first Display-Sale will be held in Mansfield on Friday, April 5, 1974, and will be conducted by Elders G.M.-Younghusband Ltd. and Dalgety Australia Ltd. in conjunction.

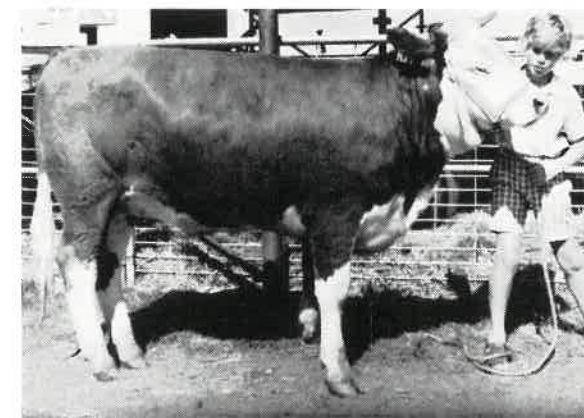
The majority of cattle being offered will be led first cross weaned heifers and yearlings. Some base cows and calves will also be offered with a few selected first cross bulls from Hereford dams. All female cattle will be subject to Society inspection and approval before sale.

A highlight of the sale will be two very stylish New Zealand bred first cross heifers by Scottish Herod, 17 months old to be offered pregnancy tested in calf for August calving.

The sale is currently catalogued at 50 head but up to 25 extra entries of quality cattle could be accepted from outside breeders. Anyone wishing to submit cattle should contact Mr. Jim Browne, "Toorour Forest", Ancona 3715. Tel. STD 057 789 505.

MEMBERSHIP LIST

Newsletter regrets that due to pressure on space a further list of members cannot be published in this issue.—Ed.



Toorour Forest Ragamuffin by Scottish Herod. Aged 11 months, she was one of the heifers on display at Mansfield (Vic.) Show.

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1974 AUSTRALASIAN SIMMENTAL "ROYALE"

on **THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 1974** at 1 p.m.

at **GLEN PARC, MITTAGONG, N.S.W.**

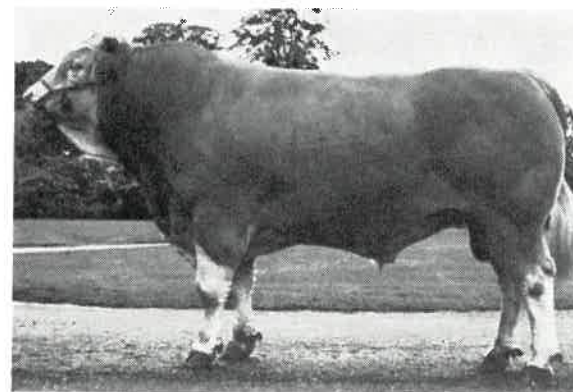
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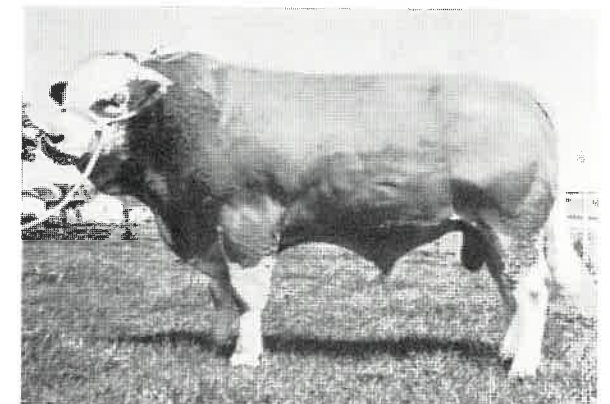
HEIFER (c. AUGUST, 1973)
— CLEOPATRA
By SCOTTISH NEFF

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HEIFER (c. JULY, 1973)
— CYNTHIA
By SCOTTISH HEROD

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BULL (c. JULY, 1973)
— CLAUDIUS
By SCOTTISH HEROD



SCOTTISH NEFF Born 18.3.69

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THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 1974

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German Expert on Lecture Tour

"Do your breed a favour — and slaughter them." This was the summing up of visiting German cattle expert, Mr. Karl Mueller, during his recent lecture tour when asked a question on the use of first cross Simmental bulls in a breeding programme.

Mr. Mueller, who was an official West Germany representative at the recent Orange Field Days (N.S.W.) was giving an evening lecture in Sydney to about 40 Simmental breeders and other interested cattlemen.

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

Following his address in Sydney, in company with vice-president of the N.S.W. Branch, Mr. Harry M. Miller, Mr. Mueller did a lecture tour encompassing New Zealand, Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth, before returning to Germany.

In Sydney Mr. Mueller impressed his audience with his depth of knowledge of A.I. breeding, and with the thoroughness of the Germany Government and the Simmental breeders in their computerised, A.I. breeding programme.

There is probably no other breed in the world that has so much recorded breed performance behind it and available for evaluation.

The aftermath of World War II forced the German Government to concentrate more on beef production on the generally small farms of the country, and in 1952 it stepped in to oversee future breeding programmes. The first computer was installed in 1957 and the outcome of all this activity, with close co-operation of Fleckvieh breeders themselves, has been the evolution of a true dual purpose animal, the Simmental.

The top echelon of the breeding programme is the resister of 7,500 Elite, bull mother cows. These are closely followed by the Elite bulls, but of all sires tested only 6% are selected for the next bull generation. Initially, the selected sires are progeny tested and only about one in seven go a stage further, until there are about 50 potential sires. From these a final 20 are chosen.

At the present moment there are already 350-400 sires on test for the next generation.

An interesting comment made by Mr. Mueller, was that they are considering dropping evaluation of calves altogether. "After all," he said, "if you can see him as a steer, a bull or a heifer, why evaluate him as a calf?"

Mr. Mueller said their breeding programme aimed at a "few grams extra weight gain per year" over a large number of cattle. "But we will not breed elephants," he said.

He said there was relatively little calving prob-

lems with purebreds. He said that in 1972 figures showed that over 114,000 recorded calvings there had been a 2.4% loss and over 374,887 calvings there had been a 1.1% loss. The first figure deals with younger cattle.

He said records kept on bulls for calving difficulties showed a percentage of from 0 to 10. Semen from a animal registering 10% is not made available for export.

He said if a bull showed over 6% he should not be used on heifers.

Mr. Mueller said Fleckvieh semen had now been exported to 29 countries and that 30% of the breed carried eye pigmentation.

Mr. Mueller also mentioned that three bulls had been cleared to go to Ireland-USch, Ulmar and Ulan. Their semen would be available in 1975.

Mr. Mueller was accorded an enthusiastic vote of thanks by those present.

STRONG SIMMENTAL VIC. WEANER SALE

Vice-President, Mr. H. W. W. Hopkins, of Wormbete, Wincheslea, Vic. has reported what could be the first sale of Simmental blood weaners in a fat market in Victoria.

On November 20, Wormbete offered 13 steer calves through Newmarket, their average age being just under 8½ months. Their average live weight was 776lb. and they made an average price of \$177.

The heaviest calf weighed 913lb. and made \$188. He had an average weight gain, excluding birth weight, of 3.04lb. per day. He was from a Friesian by Scottish Herod.

These cattle had been reared under paddock conditions and only supplemented with a small amount of hay during the winter months.

VICE-PRESIDENT HOPKINS

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Mr. Hopkins told Newsletter: "I feel because of the highly competitive environment existing in the beef breeding industry today, every member will have an important contribution to make to the development and promotion of the Simmental in Australia.

"I believe we have the breed with the greatest potential in the world — what more could we want than Simmental growth, meat and milk production, coupled with a colour marking which has many desirable characteristics?"

Mr. Hopkins married Judith Tyrwhitt Drake in 1957 and they have five school age children, four girls and a boy.

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The following bulls have been registered with the ASBA. Members will be advised as more sires are added. Only semen from bulls registered with 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.

HAMPSHIRE MAYER, HAMPSHIRE CATTLE BREEDERS.

HAMPSHIRE ROBINSON, HAMPSHIRE CATTLE BREEDERS.

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SAMBO, CANADIAN STOCK BREEDERS.

BARON, CANADIAN SIMMENTAL ASSOC.

TEXAS, UNITED BREEDERS.

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SIMMENTAL PERCENTAGE CATTLE

from

McLaughlin Simmentals

We have the following for sale by private treaty:

Fleckvieh cross Hereford heifers, 15 months old (imp. N.Z.) joined to Scottish Herod.

Swiss Simmental cross Hereford heifers, 15 months old (imp. N.Z.) joined to Harald, Munter and Baron.

Selected Simmental cross Hereford bulls, both Swiss & Fleckvieh, 15 mths. old (imp. N.Z.)

Fleckvieh cross Hereford mixed ex calves, nine months old.

Hereford cows with mixed sex Swiss calves at foot.

DALE McLAUGHLIN,
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WORMBETE SIMMENTAL

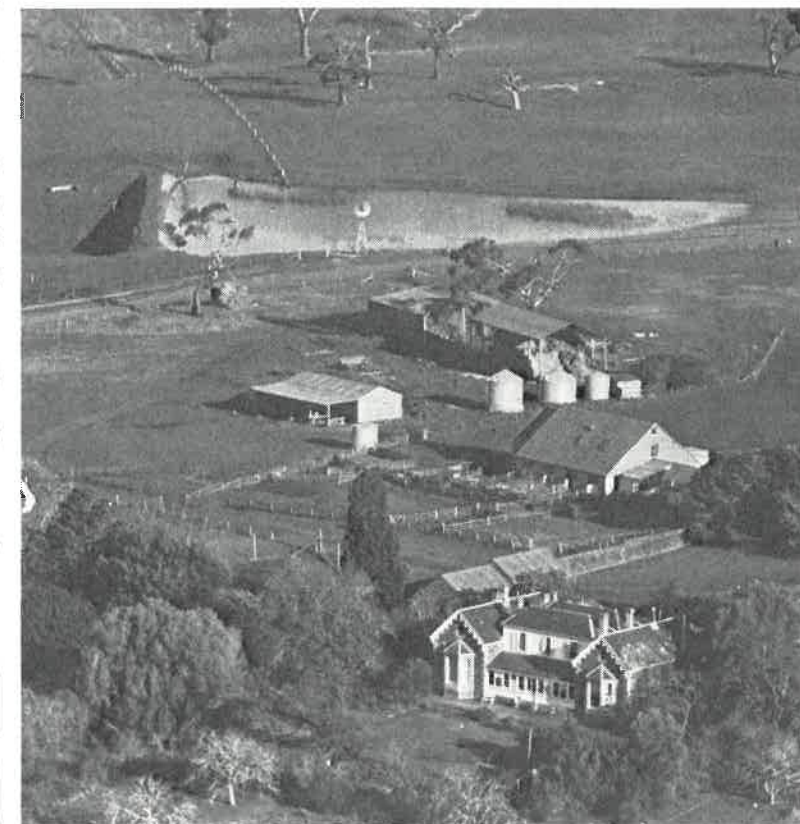
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FEBRUARY

14th
1974



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SIMMENTAL SALES

AT MT. GAMBIER, S.A. ON FEBRUARY 22, 1974

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(Second sale March 29, 1974)

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Account the following studs:—

Callendale, Congeith, South Killanoola and Nangwarry.

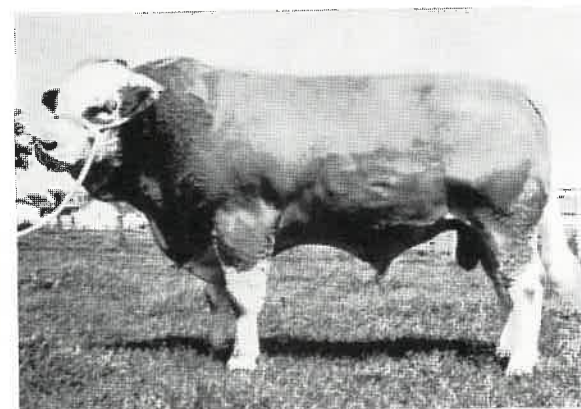
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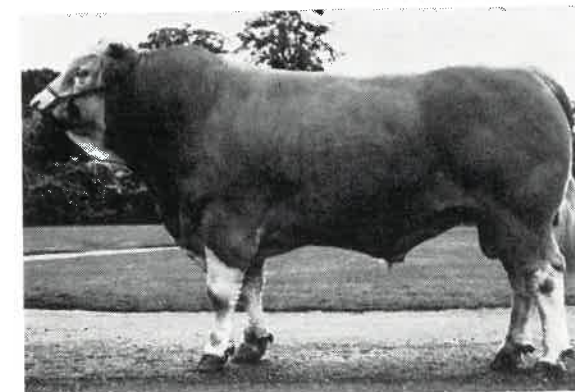
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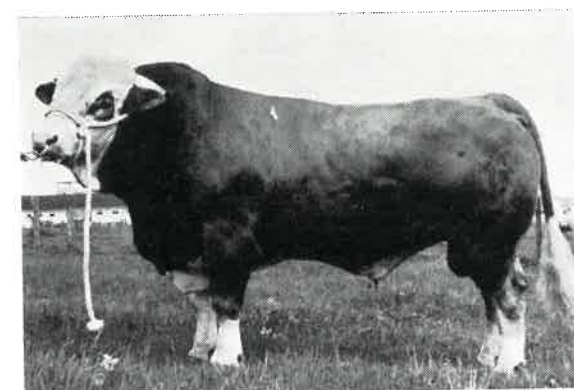
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VICE-PRESIDENT HOPKINS

Henry W. W. Hopkins, a Vice-President of ASBA, is a dedicated cattleman and as members will find after reading the following article, our breed is fortunate that Mr. Hopkins' dedication is unswervingly for the Simmental — despite association with other well known breeds.

Mr. Hopkins, 40 of Wormbete, Winchelsea, belongs to one of the oldest pastoral families in Victoria. Wormbete, of 2,000 acres, has a frontage on the Barwon River, 25 miles west of Geelong and is one of the oldest properties to remain in one family in Victoria, having been taken up by his family in 1837.

The property and buildings have a high historic value, the first part of the homestead being built of hand made bricks in 1843, two later blue stone wings being added in 1861. Both the blue stone and the free stone were quarried on the property.

The once sixteen stand shearing shed is one of the oldest buildings in the district, once again of home made bricks. This building served as a church in the early days, and the first child born of the early settlers in the area is believed to have been christened in this building.

The property runs four hundred breeding cows and replacements, and three thousand Polwarth sheep, some of which are joined to Southdowns for fat lamb production.

There are no bulls on the property, all cattle are joined by A.I. to Simmental, some 370 calves were dropped this year, and Mr. Hopkins is delighted with the results.

Discussing his breeding programme, he said: "Our aim is to breed an Australian Simmental, and in order to provide the genetic material for this programme, we used the best cattle available from a number of different breeds, travelling into South Australia and New South Wales, and many parts of Victoria, to obtain the type of female we were looking for.

"I have always had a great love for cattle, and started breeding stud Shorthorns in the early 60's. In more recent years some Charolais were tried, and both programmes have since been abandoned in order to concentrate solely on Simmental."

Mr. Hopkins was awarded a Nuffield Scholarship in 1967, to study in the United Kingdom for six months, where, although he was interested in many aspects of farming, animal breeding was a priority.

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