

## Perry County dairy farm couple

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covered it, and then removed it and took it to the hotel dining room.

After the meal, the Maori Cultural Theatre Group gave us a fascinating entertainment of Maori songs and dances, including the stick dance. The Maori men stuck their tongues out and rolled their eyes as flirtation gestures. The Maori songs got us all "in motion".

We will never forget our time of fine fellowship and inspiration in the home of Clive and Audrey Hanna and their children Susan, Paul, David, and Jacqui. We enjoyed the fellowship with the many friends who shared the time with us in real "People-to-People" fashion. Dave found himself surrounded by dairy farmers. Turepo talked at length to him about Friesian cattle. Dairy men in New Zealand get only \$2.50 per hundred for their milk. This low price for milk causes them concern as they try to improve their efficiency and make use of research. These farmers were very glad to share their concerns with Dave and get information from him on the dairy industry in the U.S., especially in Pennsylvania. We gathered around the piano and sang familiar hymns before we left.

The visit to the David Wallace dairy farm had special meaning for us. David gave us more detailed information about the NZ dairy industry. He has two Friesian herds and one Jersey herd. Four years ago he had only 120 cows;

now he has 550. They export dairy animals to Fiji in an effort to improve the herds there. These were mostly cross-bred animals, a mixture of Friesian and Brahman.

One of the most interesting experiences of our entire trip was our homestay at the home of Dick and Mary Sherlock Ngaruawahia, New Zealand.

The Sherlocks bought their station of 1640 acres 32 years ago, and paid \$10 an acre for it. They had about 5,000 sheep, 600 beef cattle, 5 sheep dogs, several horses, and a few other animals.

We decided to take a walk over parts of the farm. We viewed some of the sheep and cattle, places where they washed the sheep, and the wool barn where they sheared the sheep and stored the wool. Then we saw several nice horses. We walked on to the very top of the highest hill. There we saw the Tasman Sea to the west and miles and miles of New Zealand countryside to the east, a breathtaking view. We then hiked down through the pastures to a very deep ravine; palm trees and shrubbery grew there.

Mary prepared a delicious dinner of roast hogget (a 1-year old lamb), sweet potatoes, green beans, salads, rolls, butter, jam, dessert, and tea.

Mary was a master weaver. She had grown the flax, spun the thread, and then wove all of the materials which covered her antique furniture. She had also woven the draperies and her daughter's wedding dress. Their home had rare objects and a large library gathered from their families and from their travels. A very high and long china closet and cupboard held hundreds of family heirlooms: china, glass and silver. It was made of kauri wood.

Breakfast consisted of porridge (cooked ground wheat cereal), poached eggs, bacon, pineapple, orange juice, tea or coffee.

After breakfast, the men went to the fields. They watched eagerly as two men changed 1500 sheep from one paddock to another. Then they changed about 250 cattle. The animals would graze on one paddock for two or three days and then be moved to another of their 50 pasture fields. There was plenty of water.

These are but a few of the general impressions that we had from our trip to the South Pacific. It was a true People-to-People experience which certainly helped us to understand each other better. We treasure the friends we have made and the insights we have gained. As the late

## Sows, boars to be identified

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Sows and boars shipped across state lines for slaughter must be identified by tattoos or tags after the date of May 22, F.J. Mulhern, an official of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) said recently.

The effective date of the regulations was originally March 23, but it was postponed until May 22 to give certain markets additional time to prepare to carry out the identification requirement, Dr. Mulhern, administrator of USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service said.

The regulation requires all sows and boars over six months of age being shipped across state lines for slaughter, to be identified to their herd of origin by tattoos or approved tags. These animals will be tested for brucellosis at slaughter and the identification will be used to trace those that are infected back to the original owner.

When the infected herd is found, arrangements will be made with the owner to test the herd — without charge — and to free it of brucellosis. Indemnity can be paid on infected swine that are destroyed at a rate of \$25 for purebreds and \$10 for other breeding animals.

More than 1.2 million swine were tested for brucellosis at slaughter last year. Of these, one million were in four midwestern states — Iowa, Minnesota, South Dakota and Wisconsin. These four have state identification regulations and have already attained validated brucellosis-free status.



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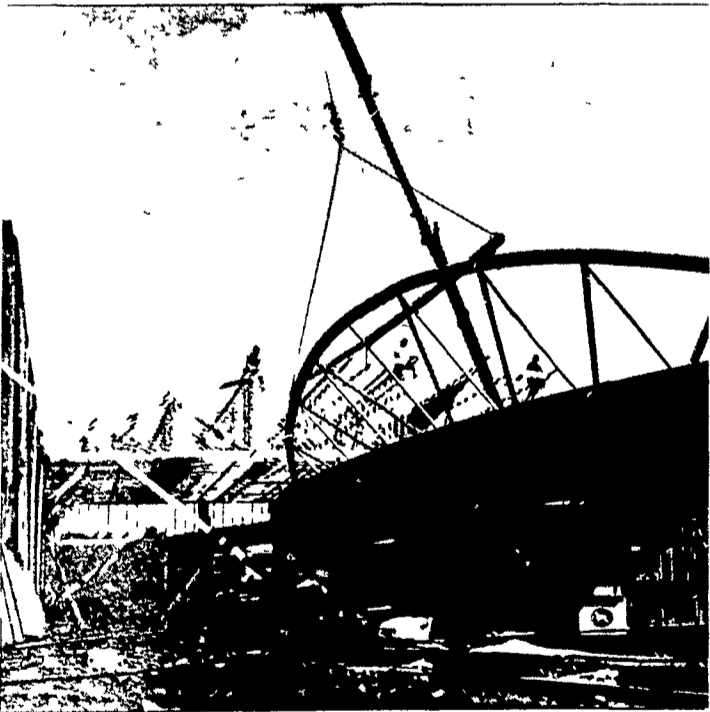
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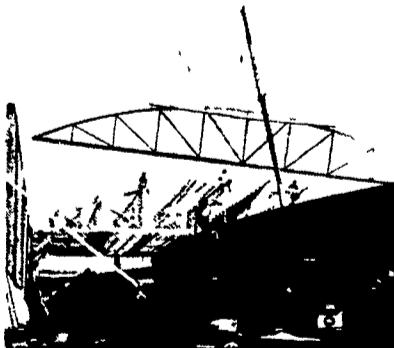
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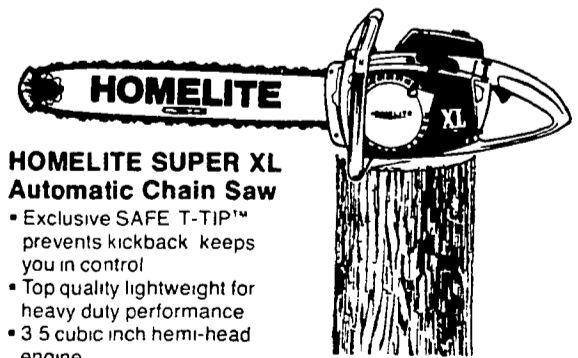


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