

Simmental Assoc. announces convention schedule

BOZEMAN, Mont. — The American Simmental Association's 17th Annual Meeting and convention, scheduled for Denver, Colorado, January 14-17, will be highlighted by a number of notable events.

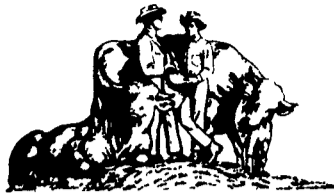
Included on the schedule is an "Educational Forum" which will be presented by a panel of several individuals who were prominent in the formative stages of the American Simmental Association. Other events include the honoring of Don Vaniman, former executive secretary of the Association; and National Sale II, a joint effort by ASA and the Colorado Simmental Association.

The educational program features a panel of speakers that will discuss "The Past, Present, and Future of the Simmental Breed". It is designed to review the introduction and growth of Simmental in the U.S. and to provide a base upon which to formulate the breed's future. Included on the panel are such industry leaders as Dr. Ray Woodward, retired Head of the U.S.D.A. Livestock and Range Research Station, Miles City, MT;

Dr. Bob Walton, president, American Breeder's Service, DeForest, WI; Roy Wallace, beef specialist, Select Sires, Plain City, OH; Dr. Bernard Jones, Dean of Agriculture of the University of Nevada-Reno, formerly with Curtiss Breeding Services; Ancel Armstrong, past ASA president, New Breeds Industries, Manhattan, KS; Lou Chesnut, also a past ASA President, and former Federal Land Bank officer, Spokane, WA; Dave Nichols, Simmental breeder, Nichols Farms, Anita IA; and Dr. Harlan Ritchie, Animal Science professor, Michigan State University. This comprehensive program will be held Tuesday afternoon, January 15, at the Regency Hotel.

Vaniman, who was the first full-time employee of the Association, will be honored during the Awards Banquet, Wednesday evening, January 16. Among the honors he will receive is the World Simmental Federation Golden Book Award.

National Sale II, being held for the second successive year in Denver, will begin at 1:00 o.m. on Thursday, January 17 in the



National Western Sale Arena. Transcon Livestock Services of Calgary and Denver is managing the Sale, while Bill Lefty and Joe Mitchum will share auctioneering duties.

ASA Convention headquarters will be the Regency Hotel, which is located not far from the National Western grounds. Interested individuals should contact the American Simmental Association, One Simmental Way, Bozeman, MT 59715 (406) 587-4531 for additional Convention information and appropriate registration forms.

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Palmer inducted into Polled Hereford Hall of Fame

KANSAS CITY, MO. — George C. Palmer II of Charlottesville, Va., has been selected by the American Polled Hereford Association (APHA) board of directors for induction into the Polled Hereford Hall of Fame.

His bronzed hat will be hung in the APHA Hall of Fame in Kansas City, Mo., as a fitting tribute to his outstanding contributions to the breed's progress. The official induction ceremonies will take place during the 62nd National Polled Hereford Convention-Show-Sale in Fort Worth, Texas, Jan. 23-24.

Since buying his first Polled Hereford bull in 1946, Palmer has been a strong supporter of both the Polled Hereford breed and the entire beef cattle industry. Palmer made his first Polled Hereford purchase for Riverdale Farms following an intensive search for "just the right animal." After serving as a pilot in the U.S. Army Air Corps in World War II, Palmer returned to Virginia and purchased a Choice Domino 39 son to use on his Hereford cow herd.

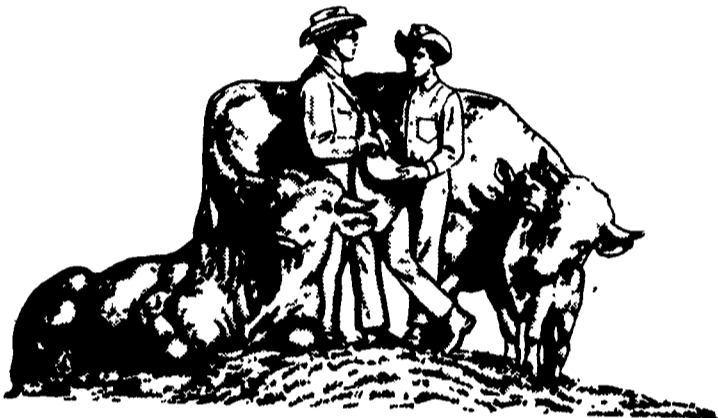
Palmer feels that performance records are essential for the registered breeder, and enrolled his herd on the Virginia Beef Cattle

Improvement Association (BCIA) program in 1954. He has been working with APHA's Guide Lines program since its inception. He has also been highly influential in the Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Association and has served as their president. In 1981, the Virginia BCIA selected Palmer as their Seedstock Producer of the Year.

He has also served as president of the Eastern Polled Hereford Association (PHA), and as a director on the state fair board, the Virginia Cattlemen's Association and the Virginia Hereford Association. The Virginia PHA selected Palmer as the recipient of the John H. Royer Service to the Polled Hereford breed award in 1980. In 1972, Palmer was elected to the American Polled Hereford Association Board of Directors, and in 1973-74 he served as the Chairman of the Board.

In addition to operating Riverdale Farms since 1950, Palmer has been president of Piedmont Tractor Company Inc., a retailer of John Deere farm and industrial equipment.

Palmer and his wife, Susanne, are the parents of a son and daughter.



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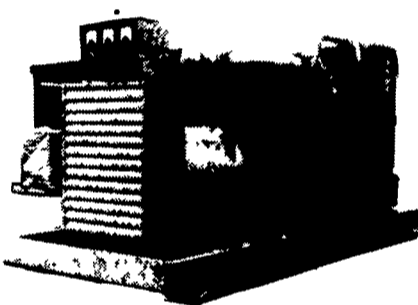
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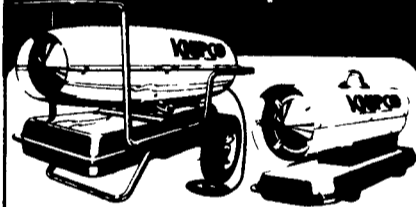


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