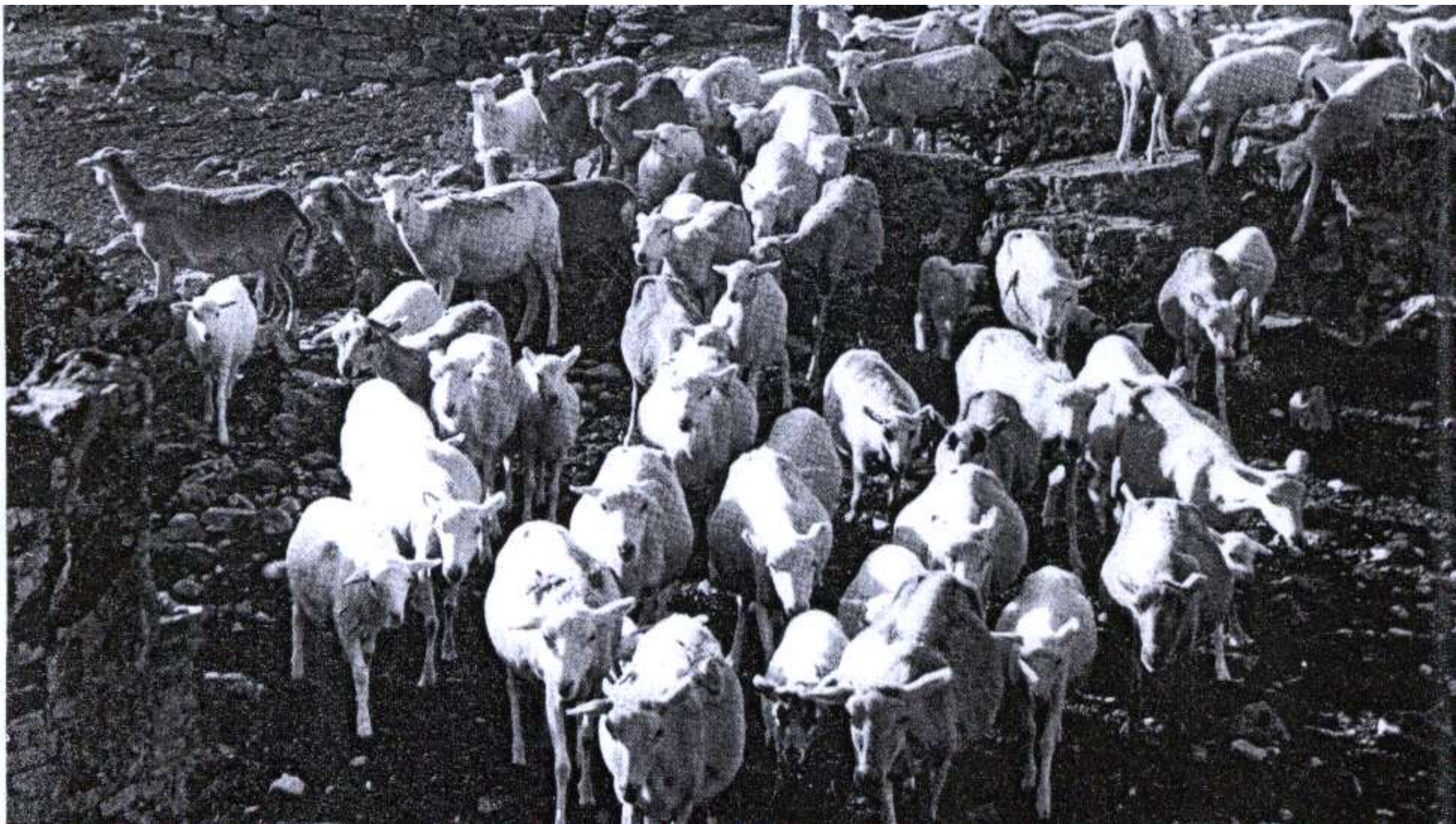




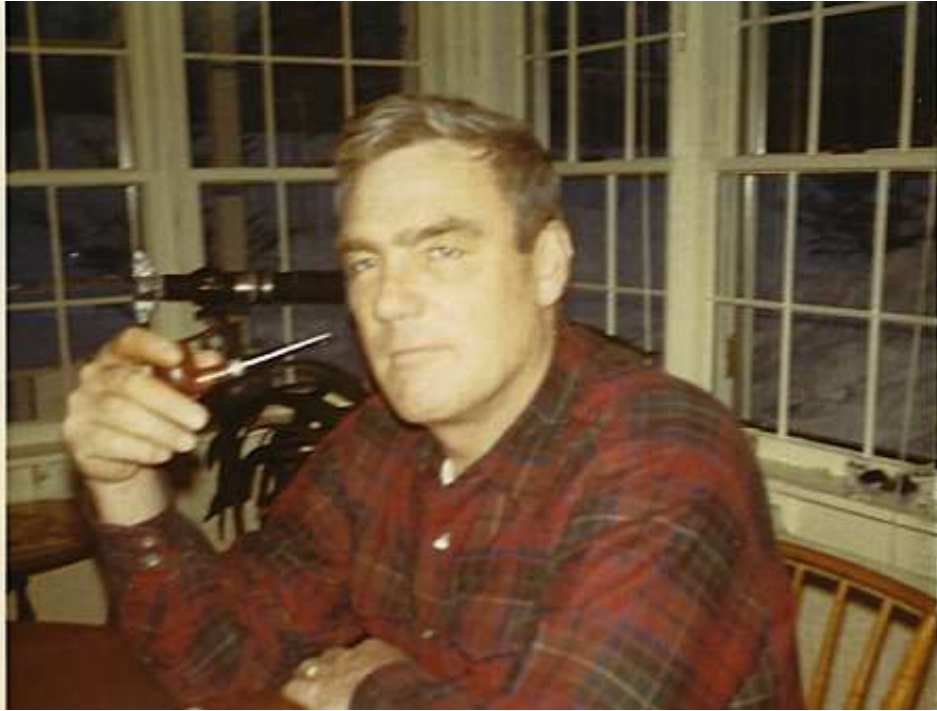
# Katahdins in the U.S.



# Piel Farm vision 1957-70's

- ▶ Meat sheep can make faster progress if no need to select for wool traits
- ▶ Diminishing profitability of wool- why bother?
- ▶ Improve production efficiency to serve New England lamb market
- ▶ substitute sheep for herbicides and mowing, for ex. electric transmission lines





# Michael and Barbara Piel

# Dr. Charles Parker vision- 80's/90's

- ▶ Emphasize utility/maternal traits for efficient lamb production
- ▶ Agriculture needs **easy-care** sheep
- ▶ Select for parasite resistance and out-of-season lambing
- ▶ Use science-based sheep performance assessment

# Heifer International vision- 70's/80's

- ▶ An adapted sheep for the Southern U.S.
- ▶ Low-maintenance small ruminant for smallholder farmers in developing countries and for multi-species grazing in North America

# Katahdin Hair Sheep Int'l

- ▶ Incorporated 1985 with stated purposes:
  - ▶ Protect identity of the breed
  - ▶ Record pedigree and performance
  - ▶ Growth & education of breeders
  - ▶ Encourage promotion
  - ▶ Pursue research and development
  - ▶ Increase efficiency in animal husbandry and the quality of food resources

# 1993 KHSI Board meeting-What do you see in 10 years for the Katahdin breed?

- ▶ Predictable hair coats
- ▶ Legitimacy as a commercial ewe
- ▶ Improved muscling
- ▶ Consistent twinning and mothering
- ▶ Diversity of production situations
- ▶ More Katahdins in Latin America
- ▶ More research being done on the breed



## More 1993 predictions:

- ▶ Crossbreeding with terminal sires for 125# market lambs
- ▶ Some flocks selected for parasite tolerance and out-of-season lambing
- ▶ Performance evaluation that increases value
- ▶ Regional sales & field days
- ▶ Marketing clubs of breeders
- ▶ Creative promotion of the breed by individuals

**THE BREED WHOSE TIME DID COME!**

# Role of Katahdins this century:

- ▶ vegetation management
  - ▶ hundreds of applications, every region
- ▶ agricultural product processors
- ▶ meat for special meals



# GUARD THE LEGACY

- ▶ **Productive**
- ▶ **Easy-care**
- ▶ **Adaptable**

