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Foreword

The Christmas lights in Fort Worth, Texas, were not turned on due to the energy crisis. The cover picture of our recent issue of *The Bovine Practitioner* showed us what it would have been like in a "normal" year. However, the enthusiasm and the warmth of our hosts and hostesses were undimmed, a joy to behold, and a pleasure to receive.

One thousand two-hundred and eighteen attended the convention, which included 723 veterinarians, 119 students, 122 exhibitors and 254 ladies. Nieman Marcus must have been swamped on the Tuesday morning tour!

The pre-convention tours were attended by 670 registrants. Special thanks to our hosts at the N. B. Hunt Ranch, Van Roach Cattle Company and Lion Country Safari for their wonderful cooperation.

March 1, 1974

The scientific program at each convention continues to excel. The sessions were exceptionally well attended at Fort Worth.

The Table Topics are not published herewith, but the participants deserve much credit for their fine presentations.

Texas hospitality even surpassed its own wonderful reputation at the barbeque prepared by Jetton's and enjoyed by 746 of us!

I feel sure that all of us went home for Christmas greatly enriched scientifically and with wonderful bonds of friendship which were made with a large number of professional colleagues.

God gave us memories so that we may have roses in December. Fort Worth certainly is the place "where the best begins."

And now for Columbus, Ohio.

Eric I. Williams Editor

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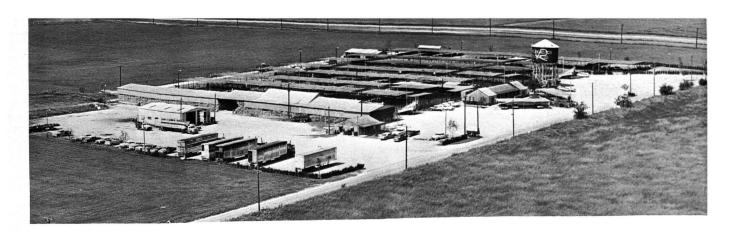
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Convention Tours

Tour 1: Van-Roach Cattle Company, Roanoke, Texas, and the N. B. Hunt Ranch, Terrell, Texas.

Vann-Roach is an Order Buyer. The facilities for processing their calves are second to none. Their cattle handling equipment is hydraulically operated, designed by Vann-Roach and built on their premises by their crews. This company handles between 350,000 and 375,000 head of cattle annually. All their accounting is done on their own computors which are also housed in their stockyard.





N. B. Hunt has long been a leader in the Charolais cattle business as well as commercial cattle and thoroughbred horses. Both ranches could be called "model" ranches. The Hunt Ranches are in the cattle business in a big way. In April of 1971 they had their first four-day sale and sold over \$4 million worth of cattle. In 1973 their four-day sale again grossed \$4 million.

The top photo was taken during a sale day. The striped tent near the pens houses the sale ring while the one in the right foreground houses the "full French" cattle. The tent in the center foreground is for the barbeque. The second photo is a pasture scene at the Hunt Ranch. Tour Guide: Dr. Dick Shepherd.

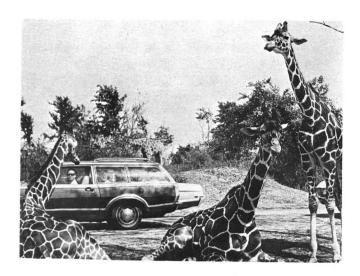




Tour 2: Lion Country Safari

This African wildlife preserve is situated off the Dallas-Fort Worth Turnpike in Grand Prairie, Texas. The stars of "Africa transplanted to America" are the free-roaming animals themselves. The tour will offer new dimensions to human appreciation of untamed animals in their natural environment. Opened in 1972, Lion Country's theme is designed towards putting visitors within "eyeball-to-eyeball" distance of hundreds of wild African animals in a 485-acre wildlife preserve and amusement park.





Coming back from shopping at Nieman Marcus.



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