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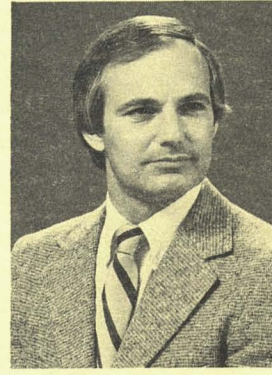
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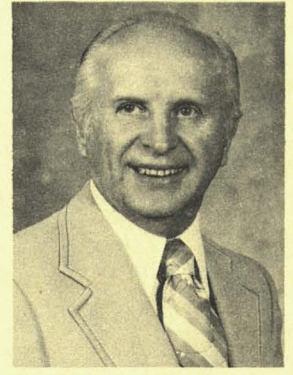
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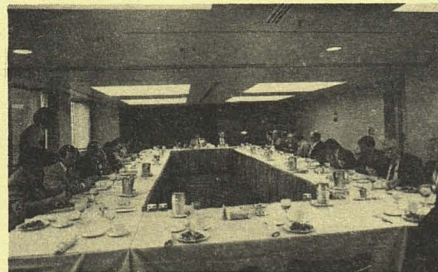


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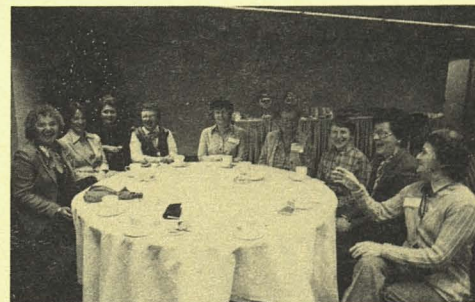
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The AABP again sponsored a "Bovine Give-Away" in the form of ten \$50.00 U. S. Funds. The drawing was held during the Business Luncheon on Friday, December 11. The drawing was made by AABP President, Dr. Jack Cote and the event was organized by Dr. Samuel Hutchins III, Exhibitors Manager, in collaboration with the exhibitors.

The winners and the exhibitors who had the winning milk bottles were as follows:

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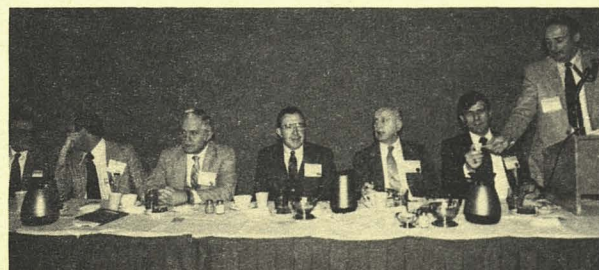
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# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DECEMBER 11, 1981

The meeting was started with a prayer by President John Cote. Doctor Sam Hutchins conducted the Exhibits Giveaway Program in which ten \$50.00 winners were selected from business cards deposited at exhibit booths during the meeting. President Cote welcomed approximately 500 people to the luncheon and introduced the head table, officers and directors. He also introduced Drs. Avila and Campuzano from Mexico and Dr. Douglas Blood from Australia. He reported the AABP is a healthy active organization and encouraged continued support in the future.

Minutes of the November 1980 membership meeting were approved as published in the December 1980 newsletter.

*The treasurer reported the organization's financial year from January 1 to December 31 and that the accountant's report of 1980 finances was published in the June 1981 newsletter. He reported that as of December 1, 1981 we had a checking account of \$64,485.13 and certificates of deposits totaling \$75,721.65 making a total bank balance of \$140,206.78.*

The treasurer's report was accepted.

The executive secretary reported the AABP membership had continued to grow during the past year with a current membership of 4,000 graduate veterinary members and 1,500 student members. He reported that annual meetings are well attended with over 1,150 registrants at the current meeting. Moving the meeting to various parts of the country has encouraged membership and participation although moving to far corners of the country has decreased attendance in some cases. Interest in the general scientific sessions has been high and interest in seminars has been phenomenal at this meeting with many individuals being turned away from limited enrollment seminars even though 10 seminars are offered.

Our publications; Bovine Practitioner, Proceedings and Newsletters are being well received. No one has been complaining about not getting his money's worth from the AABP since we have the lowest dues of the veterinary specialty organizations.

It is almost unbelievable that we have not had to raise dues during the last nine years when one considers the severe inflation that has occurred during this period and the in-

creased services the organization has provided.

Mailing costs and publication costs have skyrocketed. We have gone from a volunteer staff to a paid staff and the newsletter has increased from a yearly publication to a monthly publication. Both the Bovine Practitioner and the Proceedings book have more than doubled in size. All of the above have been financed by conservative spending and a phenomenal increase in membership rather than an increase in dues.

*Your Forward Planning Committee chaired by Dr. David Bechtol has recommended at this meeting that dues should be increased. The matter will be discussed at the 1982 summer meeting and you will be informed in the newsletter of the decision prior to the December meeting in Nashville. At that meeting you will have an opportunity to vote on the matter if a dues increase is deemed necessary.*

The executive secretary thanked the organization for the opportunity to serve during 1981 which was a good year for the AABP and solicited suggestions on how to make 1982 even better. The executive secretary's report was accepted.

Editor Eric Williams thanked the organization for making it possible for him to win the AMVA International Award. He requested each district director and each individual member to help secure papers for the Bovine Practitioner.

President Cote asked the executive secretary to present the slate of officers prepared by the nominating committee.

The executive secretary reported Robert Keith would advance from president elect to president. Glen Hoffsis was nominated for president-elect, Jenks Britt for vice president and Harold Amstutz for executive secretary-treasurer. No additional nominations were made from the floor so the executive secretary was requested to cast a unanimous ballot for the above slate.

Plaques were presented to outgoing directors Robert M. Love, District 3; Jenks S. Britt, District 4; Paul Winsor, District 7 and Leon D. Weaver, District 10.

*Dr. Leland Allenstein, chairman of the AABP Awards committee and Warren Dobbertin of Diamond Laboratories presented the Bovine Practitioner of the year Award to Dr. David Bechtol, Canyon, Texas.*



*Dr. Jack Cote, right, handing the gavel to incoming President Dr. Robert Keith.*

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Dr. Lavon Koger gave a brief history of the AABP and named the following pioneers who had founded the organization and contributed so much during the early years of its operation.

Dr. Lyle Baker  
 Dr. William Harris  
 Dr. Ray Bradbury  
 Dr. R. L. Collinson  
 Dr. Don Master  
 Brig. General Wayne Kester  
 Dr. Tom Holland  
 Dr. Harry Furgeson  
 Dr. A. W. Krause  
 Dr. Andy Crawford  
 Dr. M. L. Weldy  
 Dr. Don Williams  
 Dr. Burr Nussdorfer  
 Dr. T. A. Clower

Dr. R. A. Ivie  
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 Dr. George Duby  
 Dr. Phil Hinze  
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 Dr. V. L. Tharp  
 Dr. H. L. Marsh  
 Dr. Don Mackey  
 Dr. Lamb  
 Dr. George Drewry  
 Dr. Leach

Past presidents of the American Association of Bovine Practitioners were then introduced. Others asked to stand and be recognized were Drs. Elmer Woelffer, Robert Darlington, Leland Allenstein and Harold Amstutz.

*Dean Leo K. Bustad of Washington State University, College of Veterinary Medicine was the featured speaker at the luncheon. He was extremely well received by those in attendance and President Cote thanked him for an excellent presentation.*

President Cote thanked the membership for the privilege of serving them as president and presented the president's gavel to Dr. Robert Keith.

President Keith presented the president's plaque to the outgoing President John Cote and thanked him for a job well done.

He then invited the membership to attend the 1982 meeting in Nashville and adjourned the meeting.

H. E. Amstutz  
 Executive Secretary AABP



*Dr. Cote receiving the President's plaque from Dr. Keith (right).*



*Dr. Leo Bustad who gave a most entertaining and inspiring address.*



*Business Luncheon*

# 1981 Bovine Practitioner of the Year

DAVID T. BECHTOL, D.V.M.  
Canyon, Texas

Dr. David T. Bechtol, Canyon, Texas, was named the 1981 Bovine Practitioner of the year during the Seattle Convention. The Award is sponsored annually by Diamond Laboratories, Inc. and selection is based on professional reputation, quality and competence of practice, activities in organized veterinary medicine, contributions to the livestock industry and to continuing education within the profession.

*Mr. Warren Dobbertin, President, Diamond Laboratories presented Dr. Bechtol with a commemorative plaque and a diamond ring.*

Dr. Leland Allenstein, Chairman of the Awards Committee, read the following citation from the selection committee:

He is 44 years old. He was born in Amarillo, Texas and attended the schools of this city. He entered Texas A&M University, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in 1964 and a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine in 1965.

He and his wife, Mary have three daughters and one granddaughter.

During Dr. Bechtol's 16 years of practice he has made remarkable contributions to organized veterinary medicine, the practice of food animal medicine, education, research, the national livestock industry and civic affairs in his home community.

He entered practice with Dr. Bob Boss in Amarillo, Texas following graduation for one year. In June of 1966, he established a general practice in Dimmitt, Texas which grew to a three man partnership with emphasis on cattle and swine consultation. This was sold in 1975 and he then organized a feedlot consulting practice in Canyon, Texas. In support of his feedlot practice David has developed and implemented a sophisticated computer program for maintaining herd records and assistance in research projects.

*In 1979 Dr. Bechtol founded the Palo Duro Veterinary services Agri-research Division to pursue his interest in food animal medicine research. His work has included research concerning Hemophilus somnus, Leptospirosis, Bovine Diarrhea and Rat Tail.*

The highlights of David's service to organized veterinary medicine include: American Association of Bovine Practitioners, past president and chairman of the Food and Drug Committee; Texas Veterinary Medical Association; past president and chairman of Swine and Feedlot Committees; Academy of Veterinary Consultants, charter member and past president; American Association of Swine Practitioners, charter member and past president; American Veterinary Medical Association, member Drug Availability Committee. He has also spent many days representing AABP, TVMA and the Texas Cattle Feeders Association at state and federal hearings concerning low level antibiotic feeding and the DES situation in feedlot cattle.

*In the field of veterinary education he has many publications to his credit and educational presentations which are too numerous to count. He has employed veterinary students on internship and externship programs from five different colleges of veterinary medicine and is a member of the Dean's Advisory Board of Texas A&M Veterinary College representing food animal medicine.*

The national livestock industry has also been the recipient of Dr. Bechtol's talents. He has worked closely with the Texas Cattle Feeders Association as a member of their research committee and with the National Cattlemen's Assoc. on the Animal Health Committee. He has also coordinated efforts of AABP and the National Cattlemen's Association on a combined technical group on respiratory health management.

With the tremendous load of professional work which he has so graciously accepted, he has also found time for civic and church work. David was President of the Dimmit Chamber of Commerce in 1972 and the same year was recognized as the Outstanding Young Man by the Dimmit Jaycees. He has also been named an Honorary State Farmer by the FFA and is currently a member of Canyon Chamber of Commerce and the First Baptist Church of Canyon.



L to R: Dr. Cote, Dr. Jorge Avila Garcia, Dr. and Mrs. Bechtol, Dr. Octavio Campuzano Reyes.



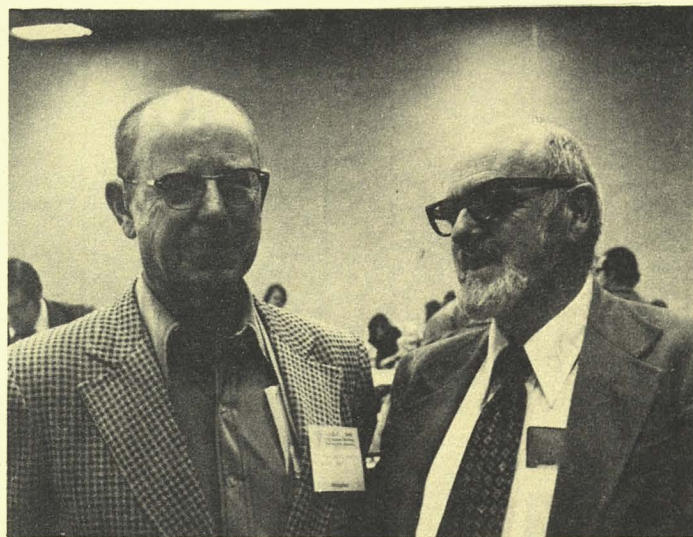
L to R: Mr. Dobbertin, Dr. Cote, Dr. and Mrs. Bechtol, Dr. Allenstein.

# AABP's Origin and Pioneers

L. M. KOGER, D.V.M.  
Pullman, Washington



*Dr. Lavon Koger presenting the history of AABP.*



*Dr. William F. Harris (left), First AABP Secretary-Treasurer and Dr. Ray Bradbury, First AABP Editor.*

Organizations do not spring full blown and functioning but are born of labor and pain. And often off-spring tend to forget from whence they sprang — the AABP may have been a bit that way. In any event, back in 1964 at the annual AVMA meeting in Chicago, the time was ripe for an AABP. And the organization has since flown, grown, and provided increasing services to the specialty of bovine practice.

Now that the AABP has achieved some degree of maturity it seems over-due to recognize our first founders, especially those who have been displaced, forgotten, or probably never known by our newer members.

There may have been other contemporaneous ideas germinating, but written records as well as recollections concur that it was Dr. Lyle Baker, Cor '49, a California practitioner, who called the first meeting using his own funds, and the support of 3 different commercial companies interested in the veterinary market (utilizing incidentally their letterhead stationery).

*More than 100 veterinarians were in attendance at the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago, July 21, 1964, where Dr. R. L. Collinson took charge of the meeting and reviewed the need for a bovine practitioner organization including both beef and dairy. General Kester stressed the strength of a specialty group allied to the AVMA.*

The minutes say that Dr. Tom Holland seconded by Dr. A. W. Krause nominated Dr. Lyle Baker for chairman. The name of Dr. H. E. Furgeson was also placed in nomination but he declined and Dr. Baker was elected. Dr. Wm. F. Harris was elected secretary-treasurer, and by acclamation, Dr. Andy Crawford was installed as vice chairman.

A temporary Board of Directors, Dr. M. L. Weldy, Ind., Dr. Don Williams, Okla., Dr. B. W. Nussdorfer, Wisc. and Dr. T. A. Clower, Ga. met immediately to draw up objectives

whose pursuit was "held to be essential to the continued well being of the cattle industry and the veterinarians who serve it."

Namely.

"To improve the stature and knowledge of veterinarians in the field of bovine practice.

To promote better understanding and good will among its members.

To cooperate with existing veterinary and agricultural organizations on a national regional, state and local basis.

To cooperate with and provide counsel to regulatory agencies in their effort to safeguard the cattle population of the country."

Secretary Harris agreed to prepare a skeleton constitution and by-laws and circulate them amongst the Board before a proposed regional meeting in January, 1965 at the Las Vegas, Nevada Western States Veterinary Conference. The minutes contain several references to the concept of regional seminars. A panel discussion of cattle fertility was planned for that meeting in Las Vegas.

To quote again from the minutes:

"On Thursday, July 23, 1964, another general meeting was called at which time the tentative objectives of the organization were read and discussed as some length.

Due to an unsatisfactory undercurrent among the potential members, Dr. Lyle Baker found it to be in the best interest of the profession and the organization to resign his position as temporary chairman. Dr. Andy Crawford of Rolling Fork, Mississippi, became temporary chairman without the appointment of another vice chairman. Throughout the discussion it was repeatedly emphasized that at this time it is desirable that no commercial organization be permitted

to participate directly or indirectly in the formalization of the American Association of Bovine Practitioners."

And so it was that the obstetrician that delivered the squalling infant sacrificed his self interests to the welfare of the profession, because of the controversies of personalities and politics—misfortunes not uncommon to emerging movements. Happily, however, a healthy organization grew far beyond the most optimistic expectations of most of its founders.

The first meeting of the Executive Board of the AABP, an Illinois not-for-profit corporation, was held in Portland, Oregon, July 13, 1965 with the following quorum present: Drs. Andy Crawford, Wm. F. Harris, M.L. Weldy, Don Williams and Burr W. Nussdorfer.

Chairman Crawford presented the proposed by-laws and logo submitted by Dr. Harris, and they were duly adopted. A unanimous election made Dr. Crawford president and Dr. Harris secretary-treasurer for 1965-66.

Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting Monday, January 17, 1966, Flamingo Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada, list as present: Drs. R. A. Ivie, C. H. Ozanian, M. L. Weldy, G. D. Duby, P. M. Hinze, D. H. Spangler, and W. F. Harris. The secretary reported 172 applications for membership, of which 103 certificates had been delivered; and there was \$2,251.95 in the treasury. Dr. Ray Bradbury, Mt. Vernon, Washington was named chairman of a Communications Committee. In response to a letter seeking endorsement of a candidate for president elect of the AVMA, it was "determined that . . . no political candidate should ask for or receive endorsement of this association." "A prolonged discussion of programs for forthcoming meetings "failed to reach" any final conclusions."

*When questioned, Dr. Bradbury recalled that fired with zeal for the challenge, he bought an antique printing press for \$100.00, moved it into the basement of his home, and for the following 3 years preempted every available hour that could be taken from his busy practice and at the expense of his family devoted himself to printing the publication of AABP.*

The minutes of the 1966 Annual Meeting, Louisville, Ky. record that the meeting was called to order by President M. L. Weldy who expressed regret that airline strikes prevented the attendance of Sec.-Treas., Wm. H. Harris and President-elect Phil Hinze, as well as west coast directors Drs. Geo. Duby (Dist. XI) and Chas. Ozanian (Dist. X). The other directors were listed as Drs. Francis Fox (Dist. 1), Arthur Bardenslager (Dist. II), T. A. Clower (Dist. III), V. L. Tharp (Dist. IV), Herb Marsh (Dist. V), Don Spangler (Dist. VI), Don Williams (Dist. VII) R. A. Ivie (Dist. VIII), Don Mackey (Dist. IX). Attached to the minutes is a resolution commending Dr. Wm. F. Harris for "his outstanding devotion to his profession" in "single handed" completion of "correspondence and publicity" in the launching of the AABP.

*On February 22, 1967, the Executive Committee of the AABP Executive Board met in Chicago, Illinois, to arrange for the annual meeting in Dallas and discuss a five year plan for the organization. Among other matters, they assigned board members the responsibility to visit the veterinary schools to promote the AABP; and approved a letter of commendation to Dr. Ray Bradbury thanking him for "AABP's first newsletter."*

At the 1967 AABP annual meeting held in conjunction with the AVMA, President Hinze gave a brief history of the organization. In effect his remarks chronicled the formative

years of the AABP. Beginning in 1968, the annual convention, as conducted since in the early winter and coordinated with the Equine Practitioners meeting, evolved into the pattern now in effect.

Following is a list of others whose names are recorded in the minutes as active founders of our society. Unfortunately this list probably will not include some who labored unsung but were un-named in the minutes.

- Dr. R. L. Collison, chm. pro. tem. of the first meeting.
- Dr. Geo. Drewery
- Brig. Gen. Wayne O. Kester, representing the AVMA.
- Dr. Lamb
- Dr. Leech
- Dr. Don Master

The following veterinarians present at the 1981 AABP Seattle meeting recalled that they too were in attendance at those 1964 organizational meetings at Chicago:

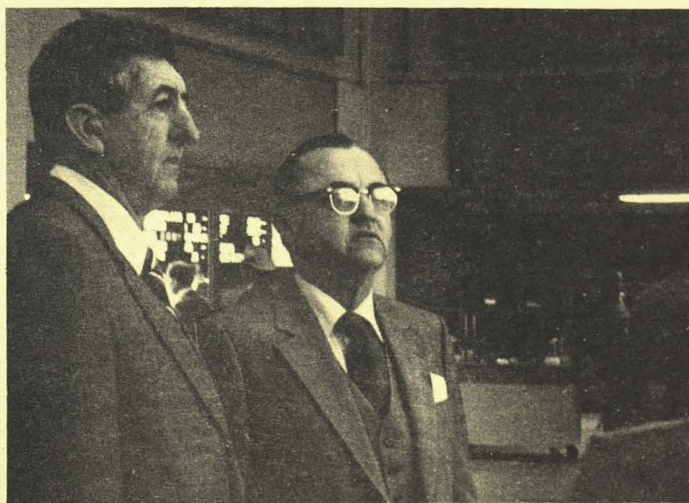
- Dr. Lee Allenstein
- Dr. Bob Darlington
- Dr. Ben Harrington
- Dr. Samuel Hutchins, III
- Dr. E. Wayne Miller
- Dr. Ed Sterner
- Dr. Eric Williams

Next, a list of our succeeding presidents:

1964-5	Andy Crawford	1974	L. "Mac" Cropsey
1966	Maurice Weldy dec.	1975	Vernon Tharp
1967	Philip Hinze	1976	Leland Allenstein
1968	Donald Williams	1977	Robert Harris
1969	Ray Ivie	1978	James Jarrett
1970	Herbert Marsh	1979	John Noorsdsy
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1972	Francis Fox	1981	John Cote
1973	Ben Harrington	1982	Robert H. Keith

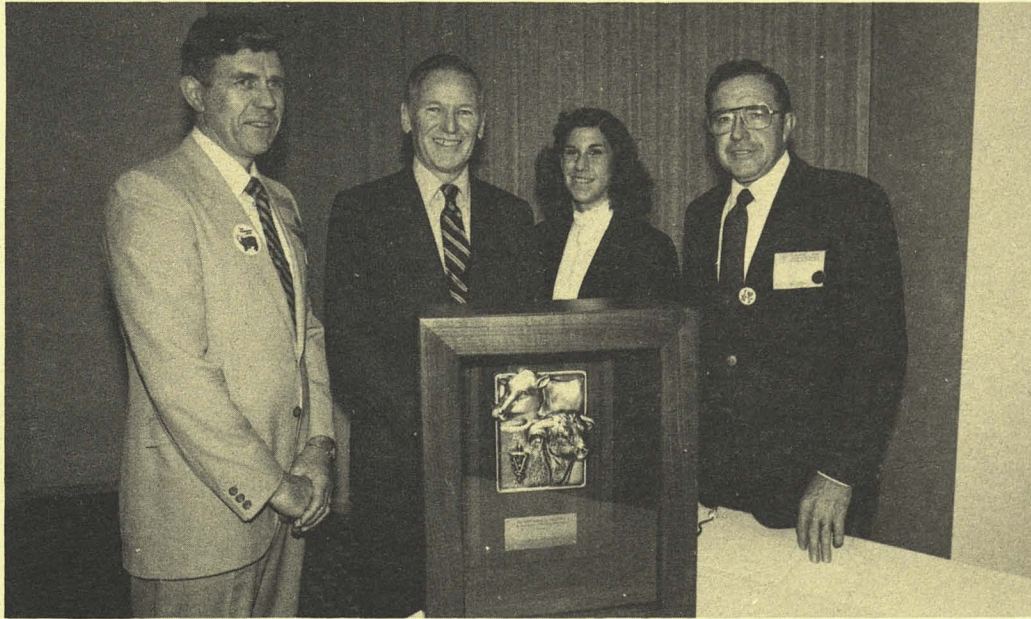
*And lastly, the man who has contributed more time, energy, blood, sweat and tears than anyone else—our Ex. Sec.-Treas. of fifteen years, Dr. Harold E. Amstutz.*

*These were men of vision, whose ability and determination have made great and mighty dreams come true.*



*Dr. Ray Ivie (left), 1969 AABP President and Dr. Don E. Williams, 1968 President.*

# AABP's Awards for Excellence



L to R: President Jack Cote, Thomas McLintock, Ms. Francine Witkowsky, Dr. Lee Allenstein.

AABP Awards for excellence in preventative veterinary medicine, sponsored by MSD-AGVET Division of Merck & Co., Inc. Rahway, N. J., were announced during the recent convention in Seattle.

## Purpose

The AABP Awards for Excellence in Preventive Veterinary Medicine will recognize member practitioners who have developed outstanding preventive medicine programs for their clients in beef or dairy production.

The American Association of Bovine Practitioners and MSD AGVET, through creation of these awards, can formally recognize the value of preventive medicine and the outstanding efforts of AABP members.

The information gathered on management techniques will provide a continuing wealth of new ideas about planning, program design and implementation of preventive programs. Sharing this information can benefit all AABP members in the years ahead.

## The Awards

Because of differences in management goals and needs, AABP and MSD AGVET will present *two* awards each year: One Award will be given to recognize an outstanding program for beef production. The second award will honor a program designed for dairymen.

Each award consists of: A \$1,500 general scholarship contribution to be made by MSD AGVET in the name of the award recipient to his/her veterinary college of choice; and,

a specially-designed bronze plaque in bas-relief. The plaque will feature a limited edition casting symbolizing the concept of preventive veterinary medicine.

The awards will be presented to the winners each year at the AABP Annual Meeting.

## Entry Criteria

All entrants must be practicing veterinarians and AABP members in good standing.

All entries will be judged solely on the description, accounts and merit of the programs, and based on the information contained in, and/or accompanying, the final entry form. An anonymous judging panel, to be selected by the AABP Board of Directors, will receive all entries. Decision of the judges will be final.

## Nomination Procedure

Any AABP member may nominate a practicing veterinarian or group practice. Nominators should submit a preliminary entry form to the District Representative of the AABP Board of Directors.

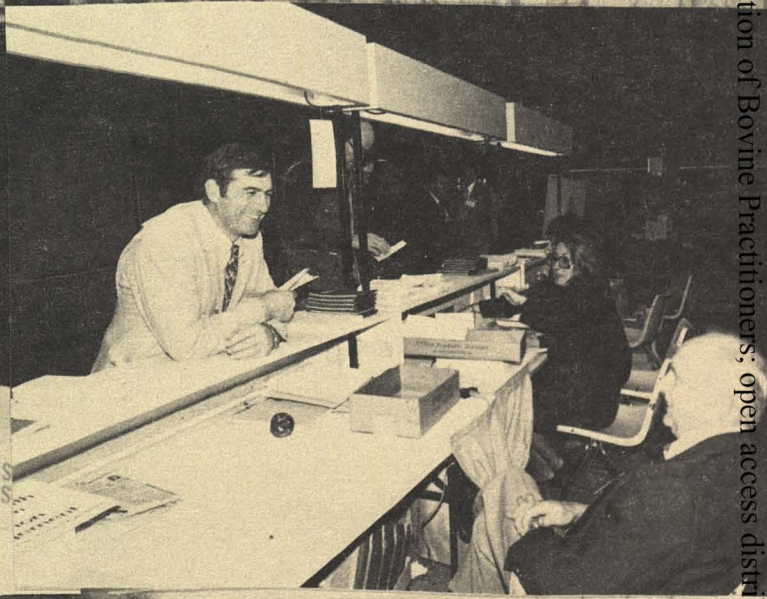
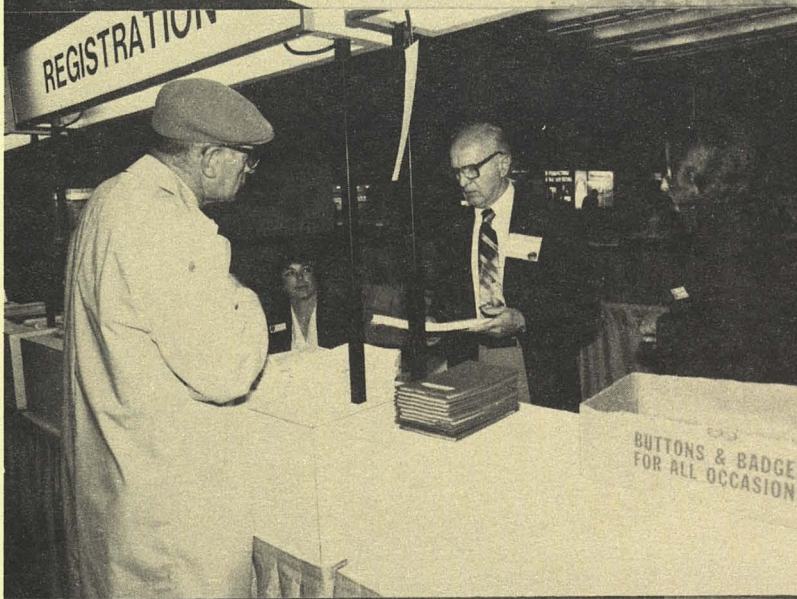
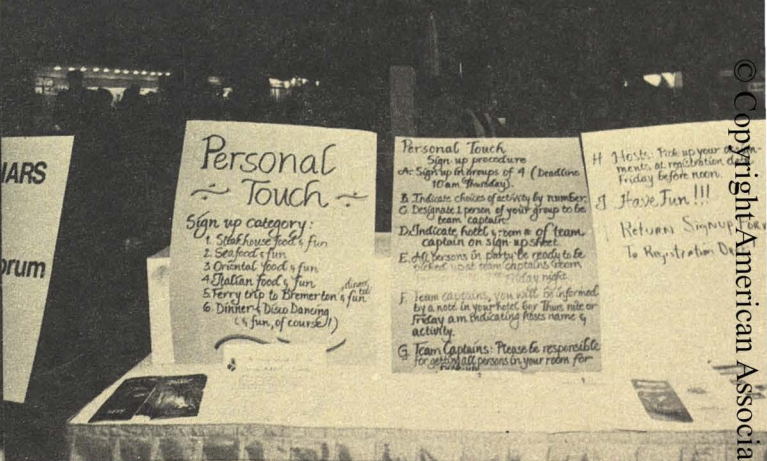
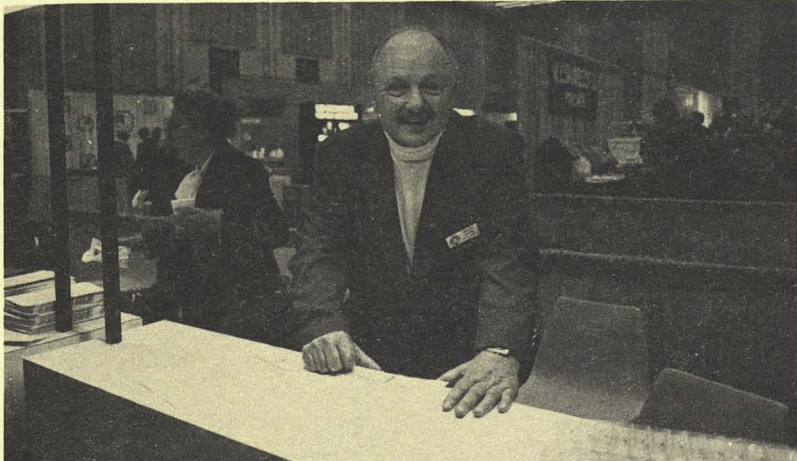
For more detailed information, the District Representative will then send a final entry form to the nominated veterinarian or practice. The completed final entry form and any other supporting material should then be mailed to: Harold E. Amstutz, DVM, AABP Executive Secretary/Treasurer, Box 2319, West Lafayette, Indiana 47906.

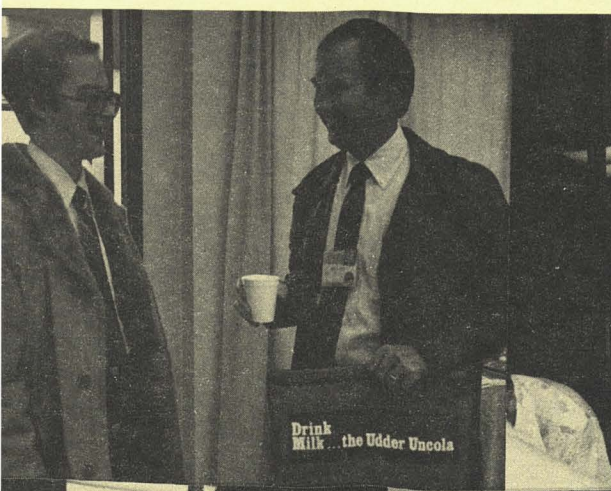
## Entry Deadline

*All final entries must be received by the Executive Secretary's office by September 1.*

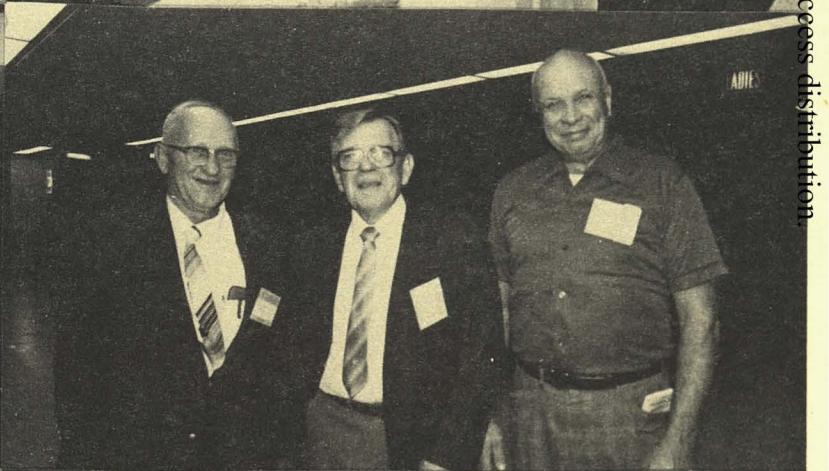
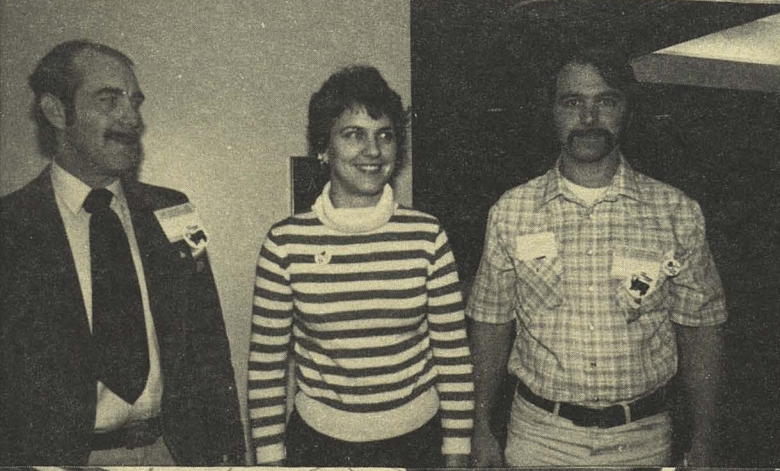
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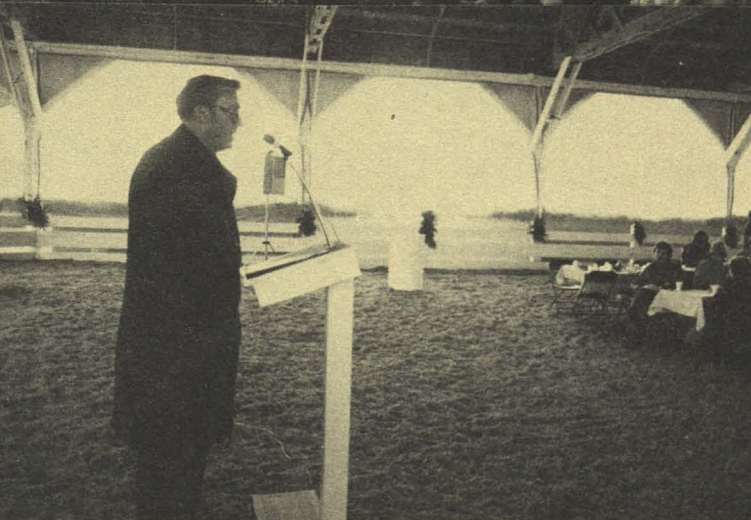
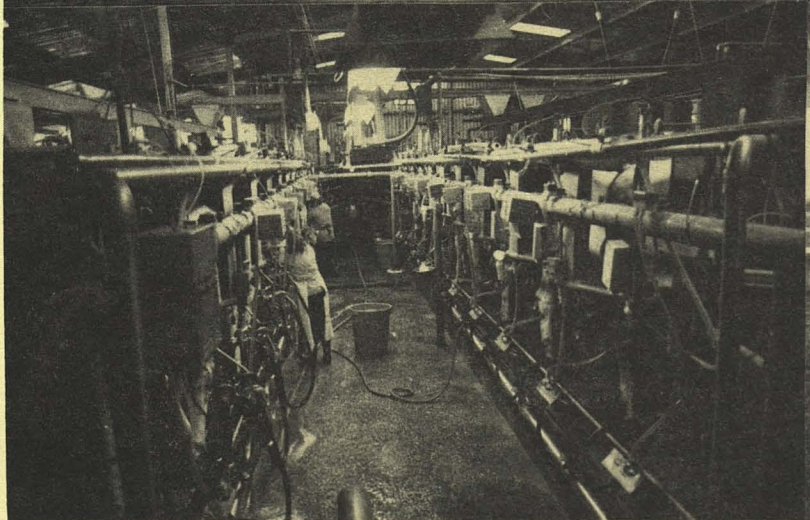
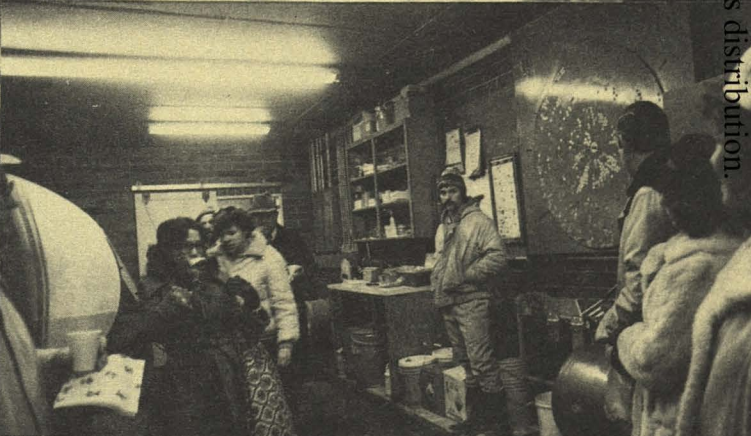
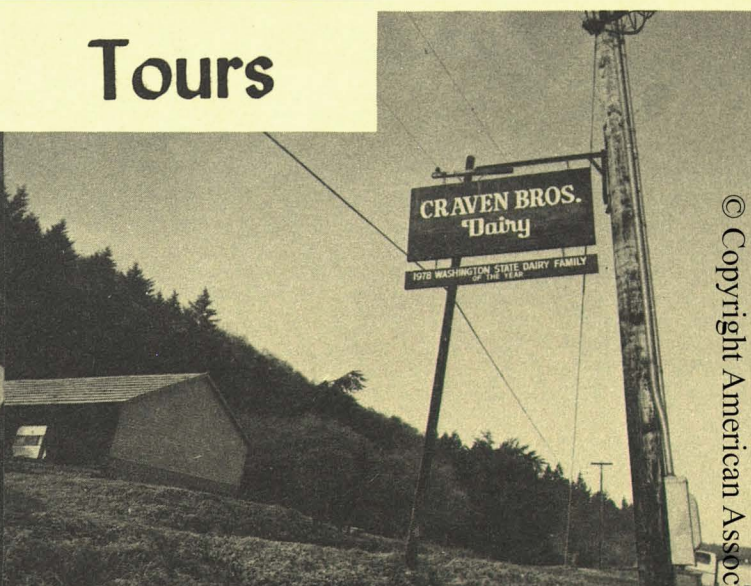




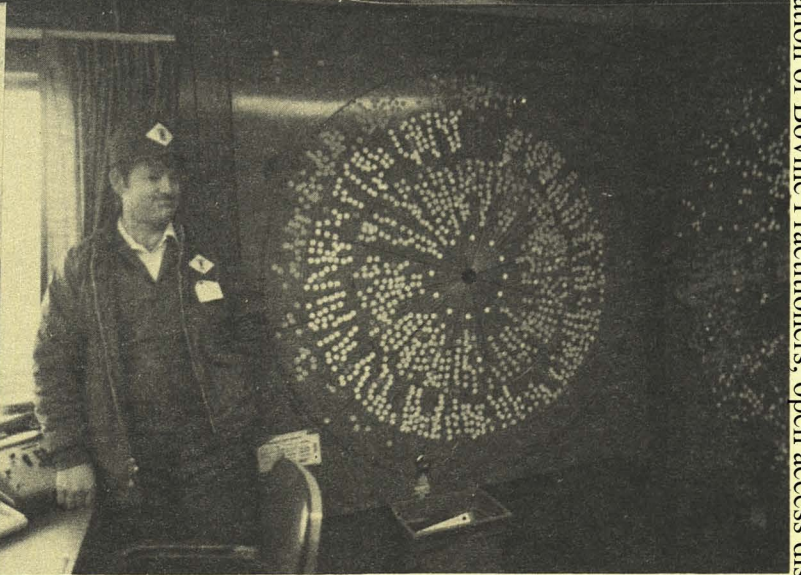
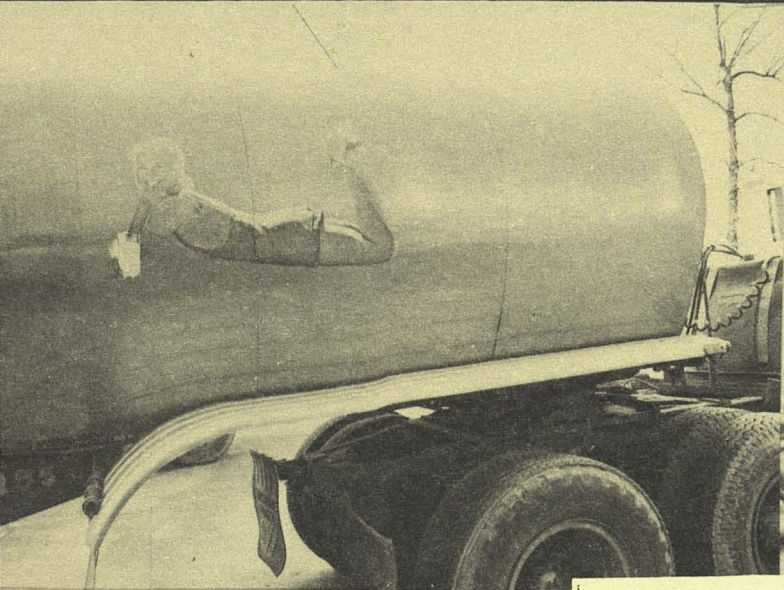
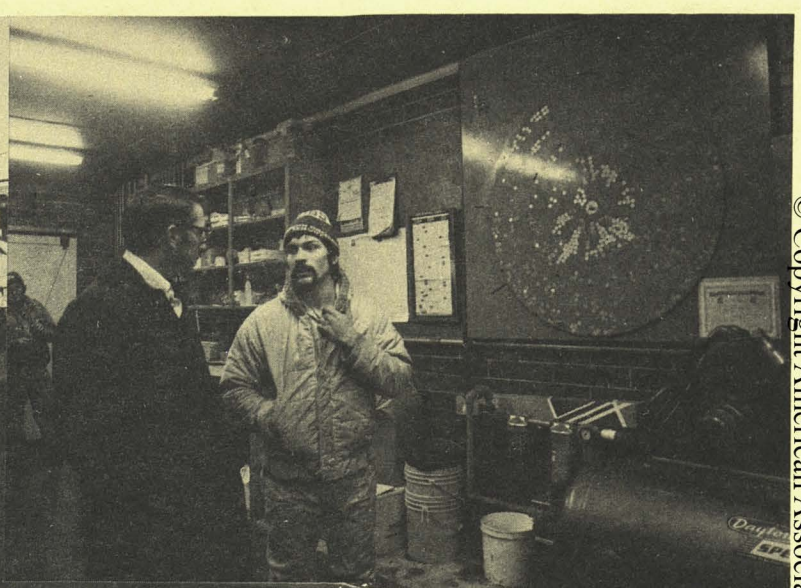
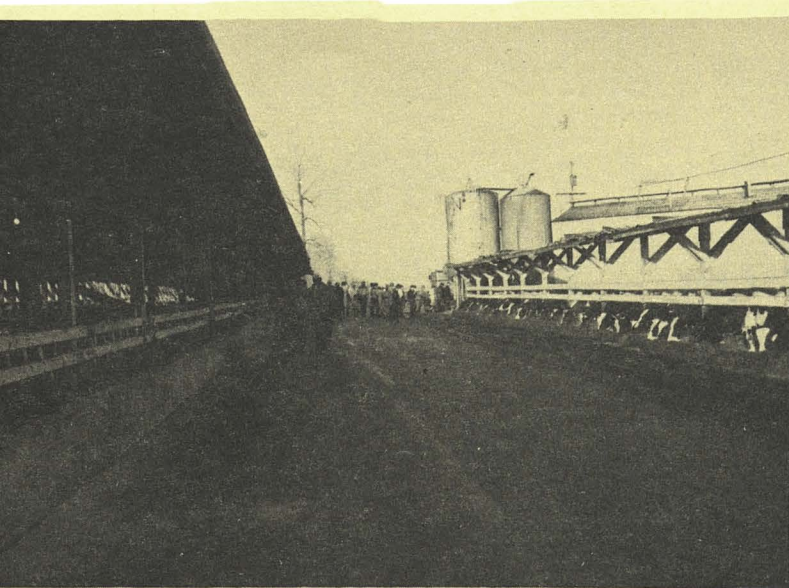
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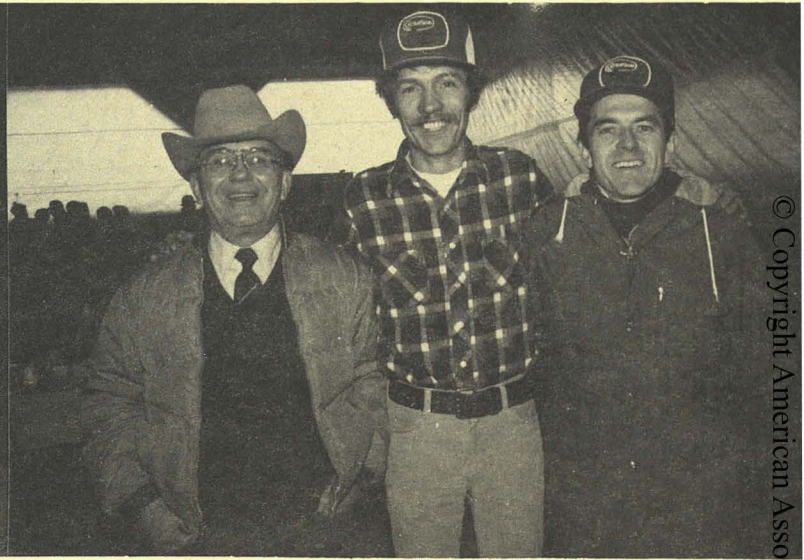
# Tours







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*-So let's head for home in Missouri*



*- and east to Guelph*



*-- and we'll see you in Nashville*