

# Social Events

Have fun and enjoy yourself in Kansas City! Re-new old acquaintances, and make new ones, enjoy the camaraderie of colleagues and absorb the culture and character of the host city - these are the traditions of AABP meetings.

## Spouse Hospitality Reception

While their spouses were attending the practice tips and research summaries sessions, the "other half" enjoyed a "Century of Fashion and all that Jazz Show". It featured the roaring 20's known for the Charleston, the flirt of a skirt and lots of drama. Men's fashions changed so that slim was in and bulk was out. Then followed the 30's - tough times, tough guys, Greta Garbo and jazz. Count Basie formed his first band in Kansas City. The ladies wearing glass beads, sequins and rhinestones were the envy of the evening.

The 40's brought WW II. Romance was hot and the girls were beautiful. Rosie the Riveter was a swinger and the war took the boys off the farm.

A large crowd gathered for this wonderful evening planned by Dr. and Mrs. Robert Smith.

The show was courtesy of CEVA Laboratories, Inc. and the refreshments courtesy of Hoechst-Roussel Agri-Vet Co.

## Jazz Festival and Magic

Thursday evening was devoted to Jazz and Magic. The staff at the Allis Plaza Hotel prepared a delicious roast sirloin of beef dinner complete with all the trimmings in a setting to recapture the famous Kansas City era of Jazz.

Music was presented by Sam Johnson and Company which is the very best Jazz entertainment in the middle west.

Mr. Steve Payton, magician, entertained the audience with his illusionary feats. A great attraction was "Fast Eddie", Kansas City's greatest shoeshine man who performed his work with gusto, shines and grins.



## Tours

A preconvention tour was held on Tuesday, November 14 focused on the pharmaceutical industry, with visits to Pfizer, Inc. and Mobay Corporation, Animal Health Division. At the Pfizer plant, the staff explained the manufacture of parenteral injectables and feed premixes, also their massive distribution center where orders are filled and shipped throughout the United States.

The hosts at Mobay, showed the manufacture of biologicals and pharmaceutical drugs. In both plants there is an emphasis on consistent high quality products.

Lunch was provided courtesy of Mobay and Pfizer, Inc.

Other tours visited Nelson Gallery of Art in Kansas City where the collection represents art of all civilization and the celebrated Country Club Plaza, the nation's oldest shopping center on Tuesday, November 14. The next day was a tour to discover the beauty and history of Kansas City and the 600 million dollar Hallmark Visitors Center. Featured in the Collection are art objects and correspondence from prominent figures such as Norman Rockwell and Winston Churchill, also a complete display of Presidential Christmas cards.

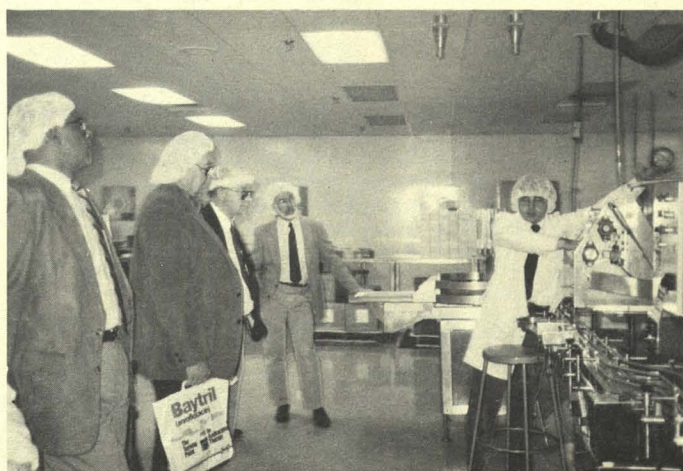
The city tour continued to Liberty Memorial, a tribute to World War I Soldiers and on to Mission Hills, the site of one of the wealthiest residential areas in the United States.

Thursday's tour included the Truman Library and Museum and the church where the Trumans were married in 1919, then on to Vaile Mansion with its Gothic adaptation of true Victorian Architecture. Lunch was enjoyed at Stephenson's Apple Farm Restaurant, nationally famous for its home-cooked hickory-smoked meats, apple fritters, green rice casseroles and home made rolls.

Tours to Nelson Gallery of Art and Country Club Plaza were repeated on Thursday and Friday.



"Fast Eddie" gives AVMA President Sam Strahm a complete shine (from head to toe!)



**Press Breakfast**

The AABP Officers and Board of Directors entertained several members of the press at a breakfast on November 15 in the Allis Plaza Hotel. Guests included representatives from Dairy Today, The Dairyman, Veterinary Economics, DVM Magazine, Veterinary Forum, Watt Publishing, American Beef Cattleman and the American International Charolais Association.



**Guest Luncheon**

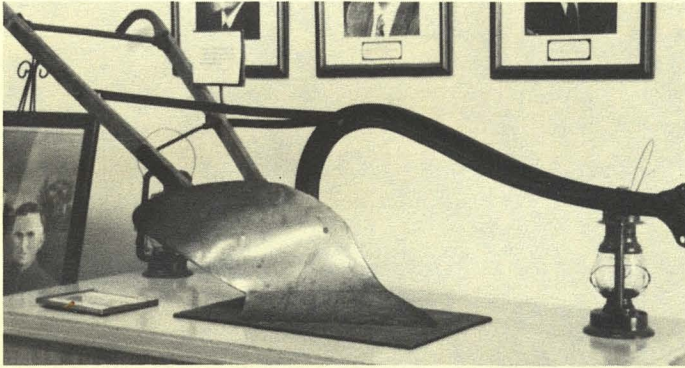
The following guests attended a special luncheon hosted by the AABP Officers and Directors on November 16 at the Allis Plaza Hotel:

John Lang, President, Livestock Conservation Institute, Dr. C. E. Dayhle Jr., Academy of Veterinary Consultants, Dr. Robert Kahrs, Dean, College of Veterinary Medicine University of Missouri, Dr. Jerry Branton, Animal Health Institute, Dr. Samuel Strahm, President, AVMA, Dr. Larry Rice, representing the College of Veterinary Medicine, Oklahoma State University and Dr. Curtis Shafer, Secretary, American Association of Industrial Veterinarians.



## Post-Convention Tour

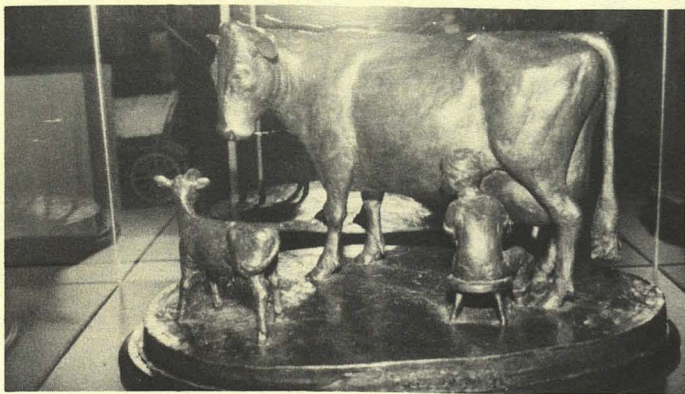
Buses left on Saturday morning for an all-day tour of Farmland Industries' research farms. The highlight was a visit to the new, state of the art, 96 stall dairy research unit where in-depth research is being conducted to determine how much to properly feed cows receiving Bovine Somatotropin (BST). Following lunch at Farmland Industries the tour continued at the Agricultural Center, Bonner Springs, Kansas, better known as the Ag Hall of Fame. More than 5,000 relics of America's agricultural past are on display, ranging from rustic toys and tools from colonial days to large steam engines. It is a shrine to millions of farm and rural people, our clients and forefathers who built the world's greatest food producing industry.



*Harry Truman's plow.*



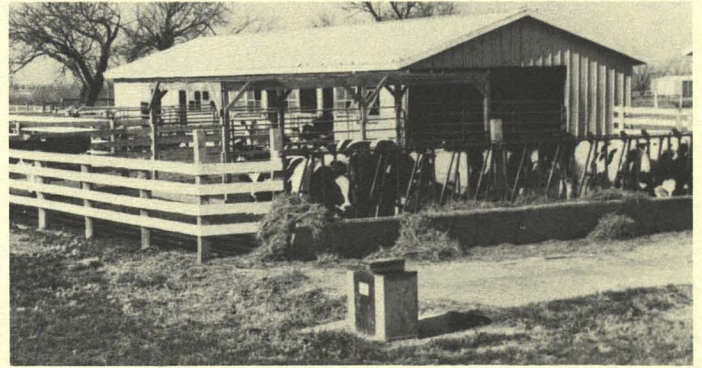
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*Sculpture*



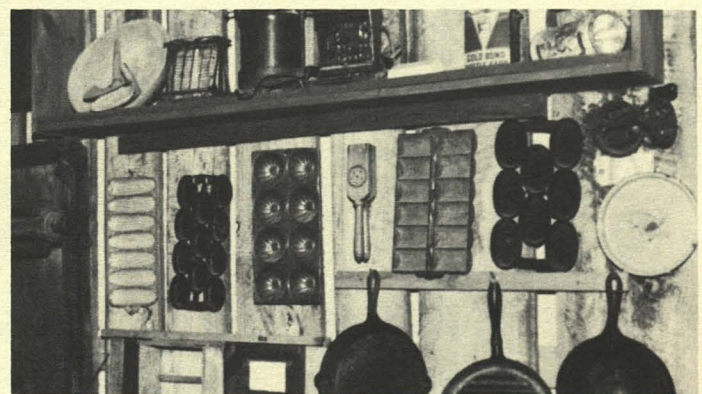
*Dr. Benson, tour organizer, left, with one of the participants.*



*Heifer and dry cow lot.*



*Dolls*



*Kitchen ware*

*(Photos by Dr. Edward Sterner)*

# Annual Membership Luncheon Meeting

Friday, November 17, 1989



*1990 Officers: Dr. Roland Jeans, Treasurer, Past President Keith Sterner, President Tom Fuhrmann, President-Elect David McClary, Vice President Gordon Atkins, and Executive Vice President Harold Amstutz.*

Dr. Keith Sterner presided over the annual membership meeting and luncheon at the Allis Plaza on Friday, November 17.

Director plaques were presented to outgoing directors David McClary, Richard Shirbroun and Kenneth Leslie. Treasurer Roland Jeans presented the treasurer's report.

Dr. Harold Amstutz thanked the organization for his appointment as the first full time executive vice president. The transition from a part time to a full time position had been accomplished and his new office is in Room 23, South Campus Courts, Purdue University but the address is still P.O. Box 2319, West Lafayette, IN; office telephone number 317-494-8560 and the fax number is 317 - 494-9353

The following new directors were elected during the year.

District 3: Dr. M. Gatz Riddell Jr. Auburn, Alabama succeeding Dr. McClary.

District 6: Dr. A. Andrew Overby, Harmony, Minnesota succeeding Dr. Shirbroun.



*President Keith Sterner handing the gavel to in-coming President Thomas Fuhrmann.*

District 9: Dr. Duane Rice, Col. '54, Garden Valley, Nebraska was unopposed in the election.

District 12: Dr. Deborah Stark, DVM OCV '82, Fergus Falls, Ontario, Canada succeeding Dr. Kenneth Leslie.

During the upcoming year director elections will be held in districts 1, 4, 7, 10 and 13.

District 1: Dr. Stephen Wasdworth will be eligible for reelection.

District 4: Dr. Lawrence Heider will be eligible for reelection.

District 7: Dr. Robert Smith will be eligible for reelection.

District 10: Dr. Fred Koning will be eligible for reelection.

District 13: Dr. Gordon Atkins has been elected AABP vice president and will not be eligible for reelection.

A dues increase and changing the period of dues coverage from a calendar year to the AABP financial year



*Business luncheon*



*New President Fuhrmann presents Past President Sterner.*



*Retiring Director District 12. Dr. Leslie greets new director Dr. Deborah Stark, Ontario who is the first female member of the Board of Directors.*

(July 1 -June 30) as approved by the Board of Directors was presented by treasurer Roland Jeans. Dues in the amount of \$50.00 will be payable January 1, 1990. On July 1, 1990 we will change to the new dues payment year, July 1 -June 30 and the membership will be billed for \$50.00 to cover the period from July 1, 1990 through June 30, 1991. Thereafter dues will be billed July 1 of each year. A motion to increase the dues to \$50.00 and change the dues coverage year to July 1 -June 30 was passed unanimously.

Officer elections were held and the results were as follows:

President - Dr. Thomas Fuhrmann, Mesa, Arizona, advanced from president elect to president.

President-elect - Dr. David McClary, Atlanta, Georgia was elected.

Vice President - Dr. Gordon Atkins, Calgary, Alberta was elected.

Past President - Dr. Keith Sterner, Ionia, Michigan automatically assumed the office.

The winner of the AABP Research Assistantship Award, Dr. William Sischo, was announced and introduced.

Dr. Samuel Hutchins, Exhibits Manager, announced the winners of the exhibits giveaway.

The MSD AGVET Beef Preventive Medicine Award was presented to Dr. G. Kee Jim, Okotoks, Alberta, Canada.

The MSD AGVET Dairy Preventive Medicine Award was presented to Dr. Andrew Johnson, Seymour, Wisconsin.

The Syntex Animal Health Bovine Practitioner of the Year Award was presented to Dr. Robert Keith, Monroe, Wisconsin.

The Amstutz-Williams Award was presented to Dr. Leland Allenstein, Whitewater, Wisconsin.

Two awards had been presented at the opening ceremonies Tuesday evening, November 14. At that time Dr. Glen Hoffsis, Columbus, Ohio received the American Cyanamid AABP Award of Excellence and Dr. John Fetrow, Cary, North Carolina received the AABP Distinguished Service Award.

President Sterner announced the new AABP Committees and committee chairpersons.

President Keith Sterner discussed AABP accomplishments and activities during the past year. He then informed the membership of four significant issues that he believes bovine practitioners must deal with in the immediate future:

1. Quality assurance of food of animal origin
2. Biotechnology
3. Animal welfare
4. Shortage of veterinary graduates interested in food animal practice

President Keith Sterner presented the President's gavel to President-elect Thomas Fuhrmann.

President Thomas Fuhrmann presented the President's plaque to Past President Keith Sterner and thanked him for his service to AABP with the following remarks.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

You heard Keith Sterner, in his President's Report earlier, describe the activities and accomplishments of AABP over the past year. What, perhaps, most of you don't fully appreciate is the **personal time commitment**, the **leadership** and the **enthusiasm** that Keith exhibited in doing all those things.

An organization such as AABP, like other institutions and companies, is only as good as the people in it.

AABP, the cattle practitioner's organization, gained enormous respect in our agribusiness industry and from professional peers by what we've accomplished and how it was done.

This past winter when the AABP contingency went to Washington, DC to meet with FDA, Animal Health Institute, and the AVMA governmental relations staff, Keith Sterner was eloquent, organized, decisive and uncompromising in representing the practitioner's position in the drug residue dilemma. Those people in regulatory government appreciated and respected Keith.

In appearing before a congressional subcommittee on animal welfare this summer, Keith was factual, scientific, persuasive and successful in conveying not only AABP's position, but that of our entire profession and the industry to congressional leaders.

In directing the Search Committee this past year to find and present to the Board of Directors the best candidates for Executive Vice-President and Treasurer, Keith was fair, unbiased and futuristic in defining the needs for our organization over the next several years.

I know that literally hundreds of hours of Keith's life this past year were consumed by, and dedicated to fellow practitioners through his commitment to AABP. During countless unrecorded hours of phone conversations, seminars, presentations, meetings and travels, Keith's style emulated the professionalism of THE bovine practitioner.

Keith, I represent each and every AABP member in presenting you with this plaque in appreciation for what you've accomplished for each of us this past year. Thanks, Keith!

#### President Thomas Fuhrmann's Address To The Membership At The Conclusion Of The Annual Meeting

**AABP Members:**

As we close our Annual Meeting, I'm sure that you're anxious to return to the afternoon sessions. I know the time we have is limited, but I'd like to take just a few minutes to discuss AABP in 1990.

I think we all agree that AABP has a primary function to provide you quality continuing education. We had a high quality, well received program here this year in KC, and Dave McClary's program committee is well underway to build on this for next year's meeting. When we meet in Indianapolis in September, 1990, it will be a joint meeting with National Mastitis Council as an International Mastitis Symposium. That will benefit both AABP and NMC: U.S. and international speakers; promoting understanding between both organizations; and a special emphasis in the dairy sessions and seminars. It will occur without any negative impact on our own meeting, nor with any diminishing emphasis on beef programs. We'll develop a program to suit the needs of cow/calf, feedlot and dairy practitioners alike.

In addition to annual meeting plans, your District Directors will be notifying you of more continuing educational meetings at your state and local levels throughout the coming year.

In the past, AVMA has been recognized as the spokesperson for our profession. Events of the past year have positioned AABP as a respected spokesperson for the cattle practitioner. We currently have a very good level of communication between the AVMA and AABP, regarding current issues. AABP recognizes the benefit of the resources and clout of a 50,000 member AVMA. Yet an organization of 5,000 cattle practitioners can more quickly, and in some cases, more accurately represent your concerns.

So a second function that AABP must consider is the increasingly important areas of policy, regulations, law and social issues facing practitioners. Examples of these issues include:

- extra-label drug use in the residue avoidance issue
- drug storage and labeling laws on dairy farms
- joint efforts with other organizations to develop drug use guidelines
- input into the use of residue testing technologies
- animal welfare issues
- addressing the lack of food animal veterinarians graduating from our veterinary colleges
- commenting on biotechnology: BST as a specific example

Should AABP be prepared to represent the practitioner regarding these issues? With your permission the Board of Governors will represent food animal practitioners in these areas. But to do so successfully they need 3 things from each of you.

#### 1. INPUT

- We need your input to give us clear direction in representing your views.
- The system for that input is already in place—it is with your Board of Governors. Each District Director has the responsibility to communicate the issues that AABP faces to you; each of you have the

responsibility to convey your feelings to your Director. Your input is essential.

#### 2. SUPPORT

- As the issues become clearer and defined they will be reported in the Newsletter. If they reflect your sentiments, don't be afraid to promote them when it seems appropriate to do so.
- Support financially as well. A dues increase will provide AABP with the resources to better respond to the issues. With a full-time executive vice-president and a treasurer, our organization is equipped to meet our objectives effectively. Harold, Rollie Jeans and myself will work to assure you that there will be positive returns for your dues investment.

#### 3. PERFORMANCE

- Performance to get results.
- Performance that is ethical and right. To emphasize, let me highlight a comment I heard:  
"The veterinary practitioner is viewed as both the solution and the problem".  
In residue avoidance, for example, we **can** keep ourselves current on regulations, participate within the system and subsequently avoid residues, **OR not** put forth efforts to know drug handling regulations, operate from a false sense of position that we think our license may give us and then **BE** the problem.
- Your representatives will take the position that AABP members will be the solution.

Ladies and gentlemen, AABP has not been in the position it is today. We are in transition; we are in a position of respect. We can move forward in representing veterinary cattle practitioners. With your input, support and performance we will build on the accomplishments of the past year.

*It is not too early!*

## PLAN NOW

To Attend the

Twenty Third Annual Convention

American Association of Bovine Practitioners

Indianapolis, IN

September 13-16, 1990