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Ladies' Events



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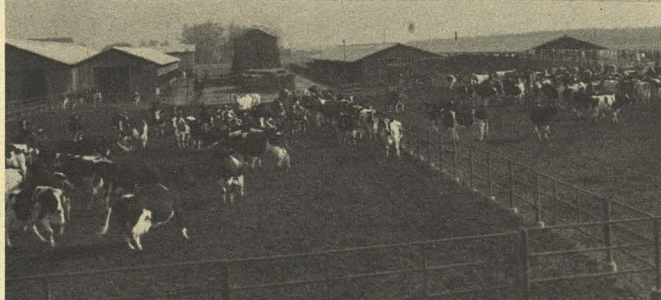
Who can imagine a convention without the gentle sex! Three hundred gracious ladies from across the land certainly made the San Francisco convention a delight to behold. Ann Harris and Judy Jameson were hostesses *par excellence* who earned the everlasting affection of all concerned, and don't forget that Doctor Judy is a small animal practitioner!

Following complimentary coffee get-togethers in the hospitality room on Thursday and Friday mor-

ning, these lovely ladies, along with tour guides from Galavents, went on shopping sprees, a city tour, across the Golden Gate Bridge to the delightful fishing village of Sausalito (and more shopping), back by ferry, and, of course, a ride on the cablecars. And, not forgetting the wine and cheese party on Thursday evening.

A thousand thanks to Ann and Judy and their wonderful helpers.





Pre-Convention Dairy Tour

San Joaquin Valley
Tuesday, December 7, 1976

"I've had my money's worth already" was a comment heard throughout the lobby of the San Francisco Hilton following the return of several hundred registrants from an unforgettable journey along the San Joaquin Valley dairy wonderland.

Dr. Robert Harris and his fellow Californians, Dr. Ed Kearley and Dr. Floyd Koebel, were superb hosts *cum* chaperones.

The first stop was at the home of the Arlinda Holstein herd. This herd of 130 purebreds had the highest yield in the United States in 1975, with 22,692 pounds of milk and 855 pounds of butterfat. It is the home of the great Arlinda Pawnee Chief bull and many other famous sires.

Past the orange groves, the tour continued to Joe A. Duarte's herd of 500 purebred and grade Holsteins. This herd is one of the best managed herds from conception to butcher. The 1975 production was 21,647 pounds of milk per cow and 806 pounds of butterfat per cow.

A sumptuous lunch and a talk on irrigation systems were held at the cafeteria of California State College, Stanislaus, with wine courtesy of the Lander Veterinary Clinic.

The next stop was at the P.H. Ranch of 1,000 purebred and grade Holsteins. This herd shows the results of almost ten years of analysis breeding in the fine body conformation of their cows. The ranch was recently remodeled and includes a complete flush system, outside lock-up stanchions and a new 40-cow polygon barn. The latter is the largest of its type in the United States.

A detour to the Lander Veterinary Clinic and the Gallo vineyards, through apricot, peach and orange groves, completed a super, super tour.

Annual General Meeting



The annual general meeting was held on Friday morning, December 10, 1976. Dr. Leland Allenstein presided.

Dr. Harold E. Amstutz, executive secretary-treasurer, reported AABP membership of 2,200, and 1,000 students. There were 1,150 registrants at the convention, including 300 wives.

Dr. Amstutz reported that the Association had an excellent financial situation.

Dr. Sam Hutchins, III, stated that fifty exhibitors had purchased 65 booths at the meeting.

Dr. James Jarrett announced that plans for the scientific program at the 1977 meeting were progressing favorably. The business aspect of practice will be emphasized. Parasitology will be featured at the AABP co-sponsored bovine section of the 1977 AVMA convention in Atlanta, Georgia.

Dr. John Noordsy invited the membership to the 1977 meeting at the Stouffers Riverfront Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri, on December 12-15. The program section chairmen are: Dairy: Dr. Weaver and Dr. Roger Meads; Feedlot: Dr. David Bechtol; and Cow Calf: Dr. Herbert Lloyd.

President Allenstein announced that an editorial board has been established for the AABP official journal, *The Bovine Practitioner*. The

board will consist of Dr. Leland Allenstein, Dr. Harold Amstutz, Dr. Eric Williams, and the president of the AABP (ex-officio). The journal thus becomes an officially refereed publication.

Dr. Ben Norman, Davis, California, was congratulated and thanked for making speaker-timing devices which will help to keep speakers within their allotted time.

Dr. Eric Williams, editor, reported that *The Bovine Practitioner* now has a worldwide distribution. He introduced a new slogan for the journal, "The sun never sets on *The Bovine Practitioner*." Six thousand copies were distributed in 1976.

The following slate of officers were elected for 1977: president, Dr. Robert Harris of Turlock, Calif.; president-elect, Dr. James Jarrett of Rome, Ga.; vice president, Dr. John Noordsy of Manhattan, Ks.; and secretary-treasurer, Dr. Harold Amstutz of W. Lafayette, Ind.

Dr. Leland Allenstein reviewed his year of office by stating:

"The time has come when I must step down. When I accepted this position, I'm sure I did not realize the status AABP had reached in the United States. It is truly due to the unselfish work of many men in this great fraternity. We have acquired a great heritage. It



Dr. Harris (left) receiving the gavel from retiring president Dr. Leland Allenstein.



Dr. Robert Harris, Turlock, Calif., assumes the AABP presidency.

is up to us to continue this work. We owe our God-given talents to this purpose. The vastness of AABP reminds me of my stockbroker. It was during this past year that I realized what was expected of AABP. I did attend many meetings of veterinarians and also of livestock owners and related fields. Two meetings I feel earned more importance than others: one with the Bureau of Veterinary Medicine, Food & Drug Administration, where the availability of drugs to the bovine practitioner was discussed thoroughly. Secondly, with APHIS, where the importance of being an accredited veterinarian was spelled out to me as never before. Dr. Glen Hoffsis was in attendance with me at the latter. Both of these meetings were reported by Dr. Amstutz in his newsletter. May I only reiterate the importance of your accreditation. Respect it and conduct yourself accordingly in your procedure of doing each test and in the filing of results on forms. Also, respect the rules of drug withholding and withdrawal. These regulations and laws are ever-changing—keep yourself current both as to intrastate, interstate, and out-of-the-country regulations. Dr. Heil of APHIS has provided current phone listings in our newsletter. This past month a meeting was held in Ohio—a mastitis colloquium—which will be published in about five months. Here again, problems bovine practitioners are constantly experiencing were discussed relating to drug availability for certain resistant bacteria in mastitis, new conditions man has created by the promiscuous use of drugs, and the complexity of getting new drugs approved. Even though specific etiology, diagnosis and therapy were discussed in detail, our own Dr. Jim Jarrett put it so plain when he remarked that we should remember management and equipment in mastitis before therapy. Dr. Van Houweling is very receptive to our opinion. I certainly respect him. AABP has acquired a status. We are being asked. The challenge in the future is to provide answers. This can only be done by continued education. Two areas I want to stress are the adoption of minimum standards of knowledge—in nutrition, feedlot work, mastitis, infertility work and others; and self-

assessment. The first category we have started. The second I hope is coming. I know I need it. I'm sure many do—to jar one out of the doldrum of stagnation. One other method of doing this is in the use of preceptor programs at a college. Oh, I know, you thought you were teaching the student. Well, believe me, we have had them for several years, and it is truly a self-assessment examination, at least in my experience. They are excellent, intelligent people who assess you with their questions. This past four weeks I have had an excellent student—I wonder how I made it through vet school!

One other area we have attained a status is with the livestock men. Here lies another challenge before us. I have mentioned this before and it deals with public relations. I was asked several times this past year to appear before these men with a message. I did not make them all, but I did get to talk to the national Holstein fieldman and classifiers; Guernsey and Brown Swiss meetings; several extension management meetings and others. We must sell ourselves. I know Dr. Mac Cropsey touched on this problem. It is still apparent that the nutritionist, the feed dealer, the AI technician, the extension man and others are trying to simulate our services. They are trying to do



Dr. Allenstein (right) receiving a plaque from the new president, Dr. Harris.

anything we can do without the in-depth knowledge that we have at our grasp. I am not saying we cannot learn from their field also, but let us keep veterinary medicine.

We are in a competitive field. It is one of dollars and cents—we have to sell ourselves. So, when one is asked to appear before agriculturally oriented men, do not refuse; you owe it to yourself, to your colleagues, to the livestock industry, to your country, and, finally, to your God. After all, what did He put you on this earth to do? If He provides your opportunities in education and occupation, then don't let Him down, don't let the fraternity of veterinary medicine down.

Perhaps my remarks are not needed. Possibly everyone is working for these goals. But, occasionally, I need a little prod—as that new student did to me last week.

And now I want to take this opportunity to thank every one for the cooperation I have received, for the help that has been extended, and to apologize for my shortcomings. Especially, I have to thank Dr. Amstutz for his help. Believe me, without him a veterinarian in an active practice could never do any justice to this position.

I met Bob Harris in Milwaukee at our convention five years ago. He was telling how close he came to staying in that warm sunny part of the Midwest. I think it was northern Illinois. Here he ended up in California!

Well, Bob, I'll have to admit I am going to hate to go back to long underwear and Wisconsin, but it is with much honor that I have this privilege of passing this gavel over to you to head this vast organization for the coming year. Bob, congratulations, the best of luck, and God's richest blessings."

Dr. Allenstein installed Dr. Robert Harris as presi-

dent for 1977 with the traditional presentation of the gavel. Dr. Harris responded:

"The AABP has made much progress during the past few years. We have sponsored nine annual conferences featuring information or continued education. This has been of help in upgrading our competence and performing techniques and as an organization has given bovine practitioners a voice.

As an organization we have attracted attention from many allied groups: state and national, governing, legislatives, advisory bodies and committees. Much of the energies of your district directors and officers is now being siphoned into these channels. This is good but it takes time and energy. We are at a point in time where these groups are listening to our voice. This situation we must take advantage of but with considered judgment.

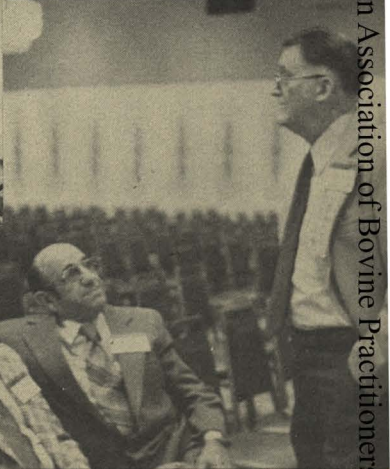
As an organization we must never forget our responsibility to all of the membership to continue to make available and encourage a high level of continued education and competence. Every member of AABP must perform to a competent level of professional service in our every work day, whether it be with the family cow, commercial herd, syndicated integrated enterprise, as a consultant, teacher, researcher or in community activity. We must discourage anything less than professional service, attitudes or actions.

I will not attempt to define professionalism because it has many definitions under different circumstances. I am confident we all have a gut feeling as to its definition under any situation.

If these charges we accept, others will seek our advice and counsel. We now have the organization to give some input from the community level to the national level.

To these goals I dedicate myself and ask all of you to do the same. Thank you."

Convention Highlights



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"Well, honey, it's all over."

... tips for Baltimore (1978).

"Good luck for St. Louis (1977)."

"Now, Dave, this is what we'll do in San Antonio (1979)."

-and Jack gets ready for Toronto (1980).