

Ladies' Events

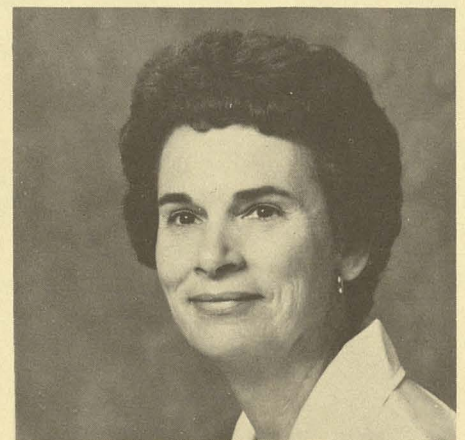
The spirit of St. Louis smiled on the ladies as they gathered to resume acquaintance with friends who have become seasoned AABP conventioners and to meet new members of the wonderful AABP family. Up the 63-storey Gateway Arch which stands as a proud sentinel to the past, to the magnificent St. Louis Cathedral with its Byzantine architecture, solid marble interior and many fabulous art treasures; the informal fashion show at the Top of the 7's restaurant and, of course, the shopping spree to Nieman-Marcus, Saks Fifth Avenue, Gucci, etc., a great time was enjoyed by all, thanks to the wonderful hostesses from Visitours, Inc. And for good measure there was all the hilarity and glitter of "Word's Fair, 1904," followed the next day by the Ralston Purina tour, farm show, and the delicious home cooked meal.



Mrs. Amstutz

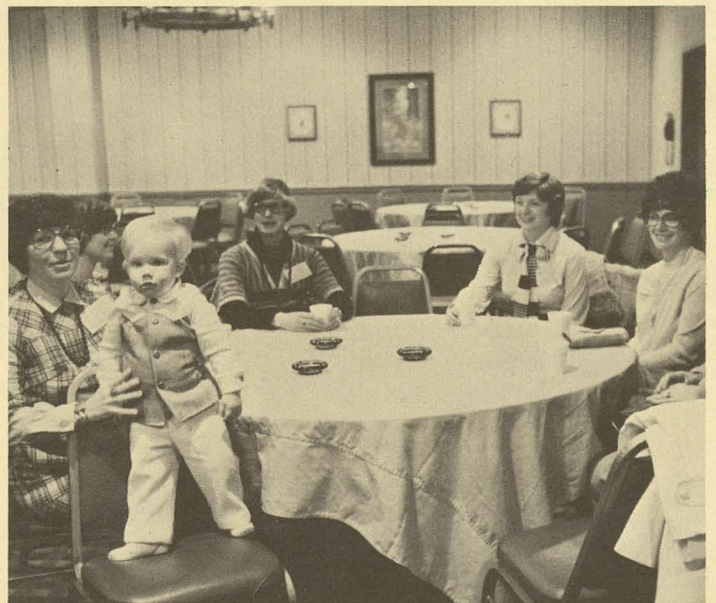
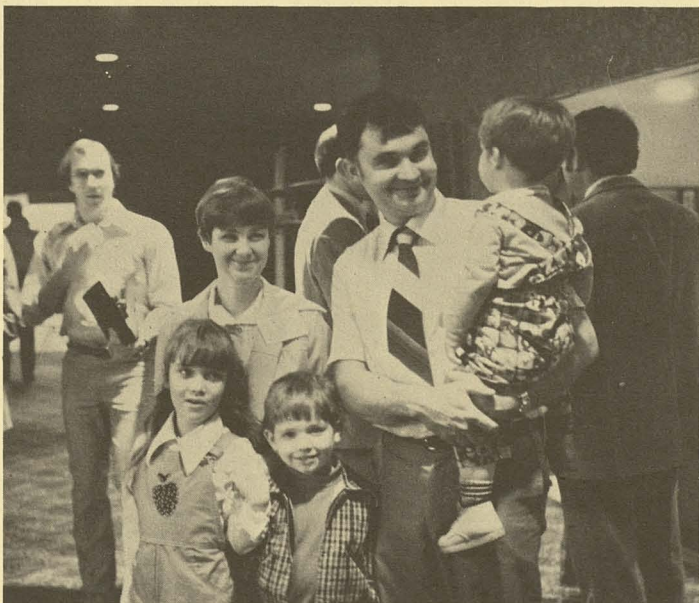


Mrs. Lloyd



Mrs. Noordsy





Post-Convention Tour

PURINA RESEARCH FARM
Gray Summit, Missouri
Thursday, December 15, 1977

A fitting climax to an outstanding, record-breaking AABP convention was a visit to the Purina Research Farm at Gray Summit, Missouri, 43 miles southwest of St. Louis.

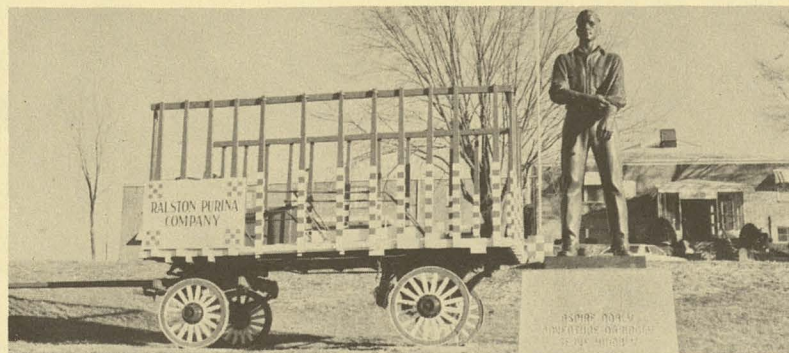
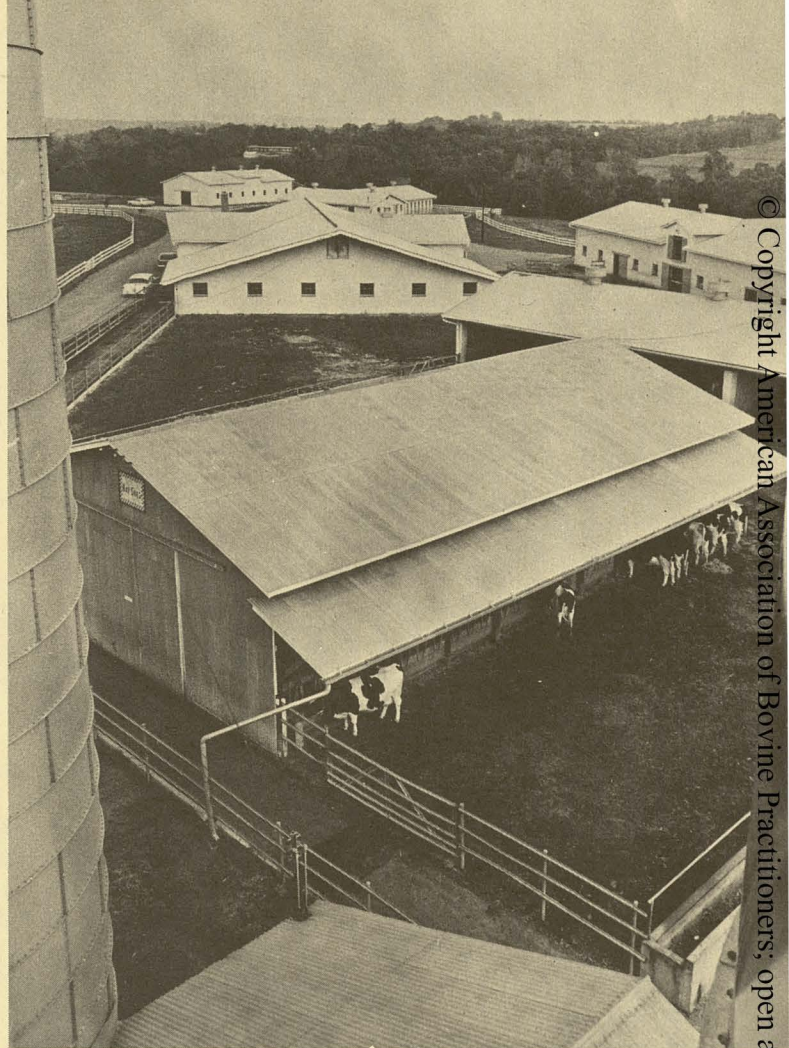
When the first buildings were erected in 1926, Purina had no idea that thousands of people would travel hundreds of miles each year to see the experiments carried on there. More than 25,000 visitors now come each year to the Purina Research Farm to look over the feeding experiments and management practices that are conducted on all kinds of commercial livestock and poultry.

During the years that research has gradually emerged as a major function in manufacturing commercial feeds, the feed industry has become a vital force in American agriculture. Units on the farm include the dairy section, where the grade Holstein herd was started in 1928. Since that time, no female animal was added to the herd, all replacements being raised from the herd until 1958.

Cattle fed in the commercial beef unit test the effectiveness of different rations under commercial conditions.

Following a tour of many of the facilities, AABP members and guests were treated to a sumptuous home-cooked meal followed by superb "home grown" entertainment—the famous Ralston Purina farm show which was performed entirely by the employees.

The AABP wishes to express special thanks to Dr. Dean E. Hodge, director, Beef Cattle and Sheep Research Dept.; Dr. J. P. Everett, Dairy Research Department; Dr. Jim L. Williamson, vice president and director of Chow Research and Dr. Robert R. Dahlgren, veterinary consultant and director of Pathology, along with their staff who provided refreshments and entertainment for a memorable visit. Purina has always believed that the human element is the most vital ingredient for success. They certainly live up to this high ideal.



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Annual General Meeting



The annual general meeting was held on Wednesday afternoon, December 14, 1977, Dr. Robert Harris presiding.

Dr. Harold Amstutz, executive secretary-treasurer, presented his annual reports. He revealed that income for the year was \$141,596 and expenditures were \$137,960. He also reported that there were 2,750 veterinarians and 1,500 students on the AABP membership rolls. The total registration for the current meeting was 1,333—a record.

District director elections results were reported as follows: District III, Dr. Herbert Lloyd, Clewiston, Florida, re-elected; District VI, Dr. James Hanson, St. Paul, Minnesota, elected; District IX, Dr. John Simons, Torrington, Wyoming, re-elected; and District XII, Dr. Neil Anderson, Cheltenham, Ontario, elected.

President Harris reported the AABP Executive Board nominated the following for AVMA councils: Dr. A. F. Hentschl, Harbor Beach, Michigan—Council on Education; Dr. Leo “Mac” Cropsey, Golden, Colorado—Judicial Council; Dr. James Bailey, Brookings, South Dakota—Council on Biologics and Therapeutic Agents.

President Harris also reported that the executive board voted to recommend that Dr. Robert Baldwin be appointed director of the Bureau of Veterinary Medicine.

Seattle, Washington, was reported to be the site selected for the 1981 AABP meeting subject to approval by the AABP site inspection committee.

The AABP executive board voted to nominate Dr. Harold E. Amstutz for the Borden Award.

Dr. Harris requested members in attendance to vote by a show of hands on the dates of future meetings. The choices were first or second week in November, last week in November and second week in December. The group showed a slight preference for the first or second week in November.

An honorary membership in the AABP was bestowed upon Dr. Elmer A. Woelffer, Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, by Dr. Leland Allenstein.

Editor Eric Williams reported a successful year for publication of the 1977 *Bovine Practitioner*. It contains 152 pages as compared to 128 pages for the 1976 issue. The journal contains many articles from overseas contributors.

Dr. Samuel Hutchins, exhibits chairman, reported 73 booths had been sold for the current meeting at a gross income of \$27,000.

Dr. David Bechtol, chairman of the Food and Drug Committee, reported on two recent meetings dealing with drug availability to veterinarians and various segments of the livestock industry. He reminded veterinarians that drug availability is one of the more critical issues facing them today and encouraged them to become acquainted with the issues. He also stated that the Food and Drug Committee would prepare information material that would be distributed to the membership through the executive secretary's office.

A unanimous ballot was cast for the following slate of officers for 1977-78: president elect, Dr. John Noordsy, Manhattan, Kansas; vice president, Dr. David T. Bechtol, Canyon, Texas; secretary-treasurer, Dr. Harold E. Amstutz, West Lafayette, Indiana; AVMA delegate, Dr. Leland C. Allenstein; and AVMA alternate delegate, Dr. Harold E. Amstutz.

Dr. Harris presented the President's Address as follows:

FAREWELL - Dr. Robert J. Harris

“It is now almost time for me to pass this gavel to our newly-elected president.

“Upon this gavel are inscribed the names of the past presidents of our American Association of Bovine Practitioners. It is truly an honor to have my

name among the thirteen veterinarians who have presided over this Association. I thank you, the members, for having made me president and hope in some small way I have met your expectations. We are now a nationally recognized organization and with growth and maturity have come greater responsibilities. A man much wiser than me once said something to the effect that 'As children we play as children, as adults we must forget our childhood ways and act as adults.'

"We have been very fortunate to have almost missed our adolescence and have matured very young. This rapid development of our Association has come from the good judgement of its members in selecting outstanding men to the board of directors. It is these men at the board meetings and committees they chair, who really give the direction and the energy to make this organization function. From the directors have come almost all of your presidents. This trend will probably continue in the future. It is my hope that this office does not soon become a chair sought after in a popularity contest. What I am saying is that we have an organization that has matured quickly by its own energies and much of that energy has come from the board of directors.

"If I can say anything at this time that I hope will be remembered, it is that the future of this organization is in its board of directors. When your district has an opportunity to elect a director please continue to give it your considered judgment and cast a vote for a member with judgment, integrity, energy and one who will give the needed time for the good of bovine medicine.

"We have many challenges ahead of us. Can we meet the challenge of continued education? What role will we as bovine practitioners play five, ten or twenty years from now in the use of antibiotics in food animal medicine? What will be our final responsibilities regarding antibiotic residues? Will we find ways to substitute biologics for antibiotics? What will be the ultimate role of the practitioner in procurement of drugs, or our final role in prescribing drug? Will practitioners take a more active role in disease

control as it relates to intrastate, interstate and international movement of cattle? These questions and many more will be answered in the coming years. We as an organization must be a part of these decisions. Yes, we must find the talent, energy and personnel to keep the American Association of Bovine Practitioners mature, viable and never allow ourselves to become old and stagnate with complacency. As my cowboy friend would say, 'Keep a cockleburr under the saddle just to keep the ole critter awake and ready for action.'

"We must at all times seek wise counsel and if our counsel is sought we must give it wisely. With these remarks, Jim, I present you this gavel. I know it is in mature but youthful hands. Good luck and may God give you guidance and strength as our new president of the American Association of Bovine Practitioners."

President Harris installed president elect Dr. James A. Jarrett of Rome, Georgia, as the new AABP president and presented the president's gavel to him.

President Jarrett presented past president Harris with a gavel and a president's plaque.

Dr. Jack Shanks invited the membership to the 1978 AABP meeting in Baltimore, Maryland, December 10-14. He reported that a pre-conference surgical seminar would be featured. Tours to historical sites and Washington, D. C., will be arranged.

Dr. John Noordsy, continuing education chairman, reported that bovine lymphosarcoma, paratuberculosis and exotic disease would be featured in the bovine sessions of the 1978 AVMA meeting. He also reported that the 1978 AABP meeting would attempt to put some mechanics back into veterinary medicine through the surgical seminar. Other seminars planned are respiratory diseases, production of quality milk, nutrition, and theriogenology.

An attempt will be made to sell bovine medicine to young practitioners through a positive approach.

Respectfully submitted,
H. E. Amstutz

Dr. Elmer Woelffer Honored

Dr. Elmer Woelffer, Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, was unanimously elected an honorary member of the American Association of Bovine Practitioners during the annual convention in St. Louis.

According to the AABP by-laws, "Honorary members shall be those persons who have made noteworthy and outstanding contributions to bovine practice. Unanimous approval of the executive board is required for candidates in this category."

Speaking on behalf of the executive board, Dr. Leland Allenstein said it was a unique honor and privilege for him to announce the board's decision at the annual general meeting. Dr. Woelffer is a native of Waterloo, Wisconsin. He received the B.S.A. from the University of Wisconsin in 1922 and the D.V.M. degree from Cornell University in 1931. From 1933-47 he was farms manager and veterinarian for H.P. Hood & Sons, Boston, Mass. He was a member of the faculty at the University of Illinois, 1947-50, and veterinarian and vice president of Pabst Farms in Oconomowoc from 1950 to 1952. For many years Dr. Woelffer has conducted a consultant practice, specializing in bovine infertility. He is well known throughout the dairy cattle world as veterinary editor of *Hoard's Dairyman*.

Dr. Woelffer has served on many committees and has received many honors. He has served as president, Certified Milk Producers Association of America; secretary-treasurer, New England Veterinary Association; president and secretary-treasurer, Massachusetts Veterinary Association; served on the State Board of Examiners, Commonwealth of Massachusetts; chairman, AVMA Professional Liability Insurance Trust; member, AVMA Executive Board; past president, Wisconsin VMA; past president, Oconomowoc Rotary Club; member, American College of Theriogenology; Agricultural Advisory Committee, Oconomowoc High School; and member, Waukesha County VMA.

Honors bestowed on Dr. Woelffer include the Champion Herdsman's Award, National Dairy Exposition (3 years), Honorary Chapter Farmer of Oconomowoc FFA, Veterinarian of the Year for Wisconsin VMA in 1966, Distinguished Service Award from the University of Wisconsin College of Agriculture and Life Sciences in 1973, and Man of the Year Award from Tri-State Breeders Coop. in 1976.

Dr. Woelffer has served as guest speaker at a large number of veterinary and agricultural meetings. He has also contributed many articles to professional and lay journals.

Dr. Woelffer's enormous contributions to the profession and his community are a source of pride to his colleagues everywhere. He joins Dr. James Herriot as the only veterinarians to be elected to honorary membership of the American Association of Bovine Practitioners.



Dr. Woelffer receiving a standing ovation.



Dr. Woelffer with Dr. Allenstein.



Dr. and Mrs. Woelffer.

X World Congress of Buiatrics Mexico City, August 16-19, 1978



Dr. Fernando Hidalgo y Teran addressing the AABP board of directors.

The X World Congress of Buiatrics will be held in Mexico City on August 16-19, 1978. The organizing committee has chosen five main topics: Reproduction; Problems of Dairy Cattle Production; Mastitis; Improvement of Milk and Beef Production in the Tropics; Nutrition and also Miscellaneous Communications. The Congress will be held at the Congress Unit of the National Medical Center.

Registration fees: Before April 30, 1978, \$160 (\$80 for program participants). After April 30, 1978, \$180 (\$100 for program participants). The registration fee includes admission to scientific sessions, printed proceedings, transportation, welcoming cocktail, and party and folklore ballet.



Left to right: Dr. Vernon Tharp, Dr. Fernando y Teran, Dr. Robert Harris, and Dr. Jorge Avila.

The registration fee for accompanying persons is \$70 (\$90 after April 30). Students \$80 (\$100).

All payments must be made either in cash at the Congress headquarters or through a bank draft issued in the name of ASOCIACION MEXICANA DE MEDICOS VETERINARIOS ESPECIALISTAS EN BOVINOS, A.C., and sent to X Congreso Mundial de Buiatria, Ave Morelos 20-707, Mexico 1, D.F.

The committee has also arranged several post-Congress tours: Taxco-Acapulco, colonial Mexico, Chihuahua-Mexico, Oaxaca-Acapulco, and Mayan Empire. Further details from the Congress organizing committee. Hotel and tour reservations should be made through Wagons Lits Mexicana, S.A., Reforma No. 20, Mexico 12, D.F.

Dr. and Mrs. Jorge Avila and Dr. Fernando Hidalgo y Teran attended the AABP convention as guests of the Association. Dr. Avila is the president of the World Congress organizing committee and Dr. Hidalgo is the general secretary. Dr. Avila sends the following message to all bovine practitioners.

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

We are really pleased to extend this cordial invitation to participate in the X World Congress of Buiatrics, which will take place in Mexico City from the 16th to the 19th of August, 1978.

The organizing committee of the Congress invites all bovine practitioners from all over the world to attend this meeting. We shall have the opportunity to share our experiences, as well as to evaluate the advances of science in other parts of the world. The scientific program committee has made a careful

selection of topics taking into consideration their contents and the various possibilities which arise from production, surgery or investigation.

There are other important reasons for visiting Mexico City. You will have the opportunity to get acquainted with a country in which there are no barriers for universal brotherhood and which offers its visitors innumerable historical, anthropological, tourist, culinary and folklore attractions.

The excellent scientific level of the Congress will be completed by a very interesting social program with beautiful shows and parties which will present typical aspects of our country to all our colleagues from the rest of the world.

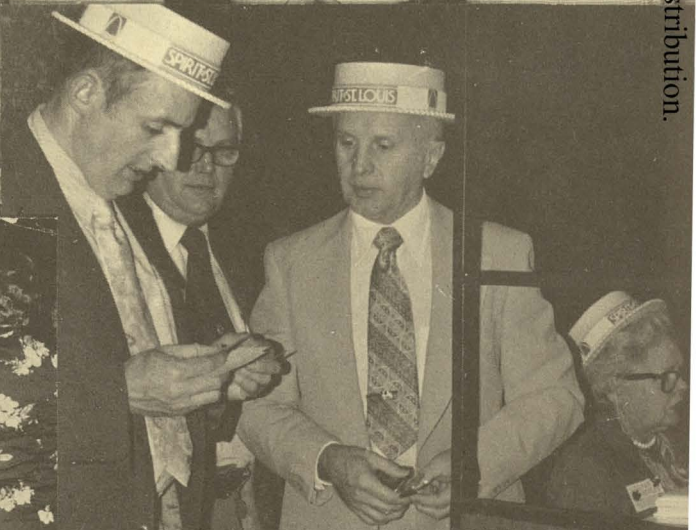
Mexico will be waiting for you with open arms next August 1978.

*Dr. Jorge Avila
President of the Organizing Committee*

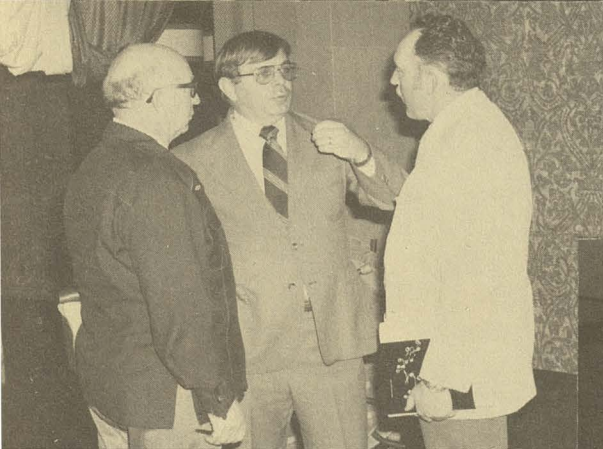
Convention Highlights



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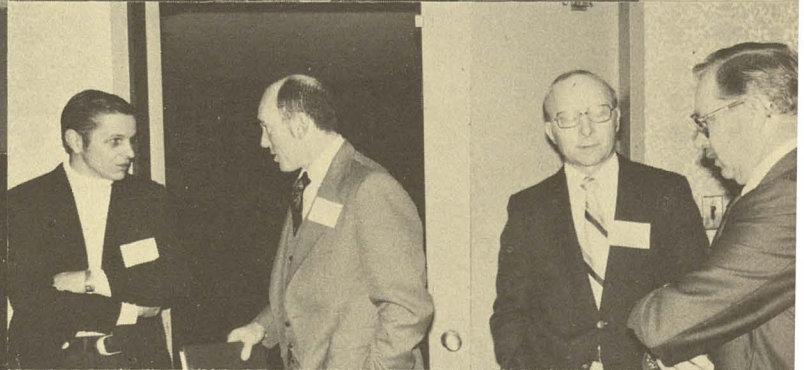
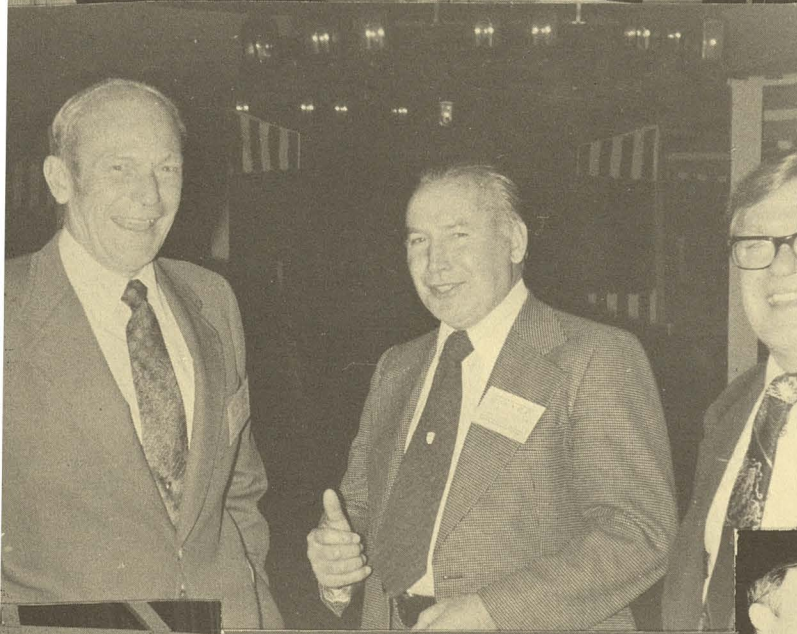


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"Thank you, Bob and Ann, for a job well done."

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