

1974  
7th Annual Convention  
Columbus, Ohio  
December 8-11

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*Food, Energy, and the Veterinarian*

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"We cannot offer you the sunshine of Florida or Sunny California, but we can certainly offer you a world of Buckeye hospitality," stated Mr. Gene Abercrombie, Director, Ohio Department of Agriculture in his welcoming remarks at the Opening Ceremony.

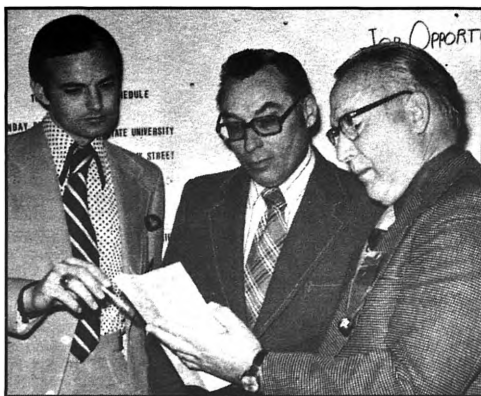
Columbus, Ohio lived up to its reputation as "the beating heart of the convention world" for over 1200 veterinarians, spouses, students and guests.

**Dr. Vernon Tharp and his committee provided an excellent scientific program while Dr. Glen Hoffsis and his group provided excellent local arrangements. The Governor of Ohio issued a Proclamation in honor of the AABP.**

The Convention commenced with an outstanding tour of the Ohio State University's new Veterinary Teaching Hospital. There were also clinical demonstrations and a session of table topics.

Other tours visited the Ohio Feedlot with all the cattle under eight quarter mile, steel-roofed confinement buildings, with 2400 cattle each. The next tour included Selects Sires, Inc. Plain City, a federation owned by Member Cooperatives who united their semen production potential to one organization with the basic objective to serve the genetic improvement needs of livestock farmers.

At the Opening Ceremony, Roy M. Kottman, Dean of the OSU College of Agriculture and Home Economics gave the keynote address on "*The Energy Crisis and the Future of Our Nation's Animal Industry.*" The Honorable Jerry Litton gave "*A Congressman's View: Better Understanding Needed Between Rural and Urban America.*"



Dr. Glen Hoffsis, left, discussing the programs with President Cropsey and Dr. Tharp.



Mrs. Grace L. Tharp,  
Chairperson



Mrs. Linda S. Hoffsis,  
Co-chairperson



Mrs. Martha Heider,  
Co-chairperson

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**Buiatrics means the study of cattle diseases and herd health management.**

Ladies activities were under the delightful leadership of Mrs. Grace Tharp, Mrs. Linda Hoffsis and Mrs. Martha Heider.

Highlights were a visit to Ohio Village, the beef barbecue in the Student Union Ballroom followed by a professional presentation of "Godspell" in Mershon Auditorium; lunch at Ilonka and, of course, lots of shopping!

**The Annual General Meeting followed the noon luncheon on Tuesday, December 10, Dr. L. Mac Cropsey presiding. There were 1,173 registered at the meeting while AABP membership numbered 2,575.**

Dr. Eric Williams, editor, stated that our journal was also a communication link with the World Association for Buiatrics. In future, it will be sent to members, student members, veterinary medicine libraries and bovine practitioners in the district hosting the AABP annual convention. Others could purchase the journal for \$3.00 per copy; 5,500 copies of the 1975 journal would be printed.

Dr. John Carricaburu, President, brought greetings from the AVMA. He was a member of AABP, his practice being over 90% large animal. He said there were about 30,000 veterinarians in the United States with about 24,000 belonging to the AVMA. Dr. Carricaburu urged the practice of preventive medicine and to conduct practices ethically and to the best of one's professional ability. He was proud to report that the AVMA's new headquarters in Schaumburg would be opened in the spring.

#### Officers for 1975:

President	Dr. Vernon Tharp, Columbus, Ohio
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Exec. Sec.-Tres.	Dr. Harold Amstutz (re-elected)

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District IX	Dr. John Simons, Torrington, WY
District XII	Dr. John Cote, Guelph, Ontario Canada
AVMA Delegate:	Dr. Ben Harrington, Raleigh, NC



## Endnotes

Did you hear about the two ladies who were trying to figure out why all these prosperous looking people at the Convention from all parts of the United States were wearing registration tags with AABP written on them? One condescended to ask one of our colleagues in the elevator. "Oh," she replied laughingly, "we thought it meant American Association for Birth Prevention."

*Editor's note: At a later convention, a lady replied to the same question, "American Association of Beautiful People!"*

The AABP Editor wrote the following review of James Herriot's latest book *All Things Bright and Beautiful*:

*"Here is a brilliant, honest, lucid day by day (and night) exposition of the triumphs and despairing moments of veterinary practice."*

The Inaugural Meeting of the Australian Association of Cattle Veterinarians was held at Flinders University, Adelaide on Friday, May 31, 1974. Professor D. F. Dowling, presided.



*Good shopping day!*



*Like Father - Like Son*



*Entertainment*



*Now it's all yours, Vernon.*