

1978  
11th Annual Convention  
Baltimore, Maryland  
December 11-14

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*Putting the Art Back Into Veterinary Medicine for Bovine Practitioners*  
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Nineteen seventy eight had already been a great year for the AABP. Dr. Harold Amstutz was the recipient of the Borden Award for outstanding contribution to dairy cattle disease control at the AVMA Convention in July.

Dr. Vernon Tharp, a past president of AABP was installed as President of the AVMA and Dr. Leland Allenstein had received the Stange Award from his alma mater, Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine and Dr. Dennis Carr, Monfort, Wisconsin was elected chairman, AVMA Executive Board.

**The Convention was off to a good start with a Proclamation by the Governor, signed on his behalf by Secretary of State Fred L. Wineland declaring December 11-18 Veterinary Week in Maryland and requesting all Marylanders “to recognize the professional activities of veterinarians in safeguarding our state’s livestock population.”**

Pre-convention seminars continued to gather momentum with presentations on Production of Quality Milk, Applied Dairy and Beef Nutrition, Dairy Nutrition, Beef Nutrition, Theriogenology, Toxicology, and a Wet Surgical Laboratory (Maryland State Fairgrounds).

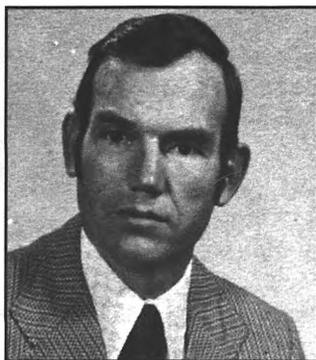
Orville K. Sweet, President of the American Polled Hereford Association gave a Keynote Address entitled “*The Cattleman’s Last Stand.*” He concluded by stating:

*“There are doomers and gloomers who say the world is five billion years old, it is two minutes until midnight and the end is near. True, the world may be five billion years old, but it likely has 10 billion more years to live. Therefore, it is not two minutes till midnight, but 8:00 AM, the sun has risen and it’s time to go to work.”*

Dr. Duane Acker, President, Kansas State University presented a Keynote Address entitled, “*The Role of the Veterinary College and University in Educating Veterinarians with Emphasis on Food Animals.*”

Ladies tours visited Historic Baltimore - Old and New Annapolis and Washington D.C.

**At the Annual General Meeting, President James Jarrett informed members that Dr. John Woods, a close friend and longtime member of AABP, had died in his sleep on Wednesday morning (Also see *Endnotes*). Dr. Robert Harris, Past President, conducted the meeting.**



Jack E. Shanks, DVM



Robert C. Hammond, VMD



Dr. Harold Amstutz reported the end of 1977 balance of \$109,622 and a December 1, 1978 balance of \$131,711. Membership was now over 3000. District VII had grown the most because of Director Paul Winsor's effort in obtaining 50 new members.

**Editor Eric Williams expressed thanks for the honor of serving the Association for 10 years.**

Dr. Mac Cropsey presented the following revision to the by-laws which was passed unanimously:

**District representatives (directors) shall be elected for a term of three years by members of their respective districts and may succeed themselves one term with partial terms not being considered in this limitation.**

**The first Bovine Practitioner of the Year Award was presented by Dr. Leland Allenstein, committee chairman, to Dr. Edward Sterner, Ionia, Michigan. The award was made available to the AABP by Diamond laboratories.**

**Officers elected for 1978-79 were:**

President	Dr. John Noordsy, Manhattan, KS
President-Elect	Dr. David Bechtol, Canyon, TX
Vice President	Dr. John Cote, Guelph, Ontario, Canada (Dr. Keith withdrew and nominated Dr. Cote)
Exec. Sec.-Tres.	Dr. Harold Amstutz (re-elected)



## Directors

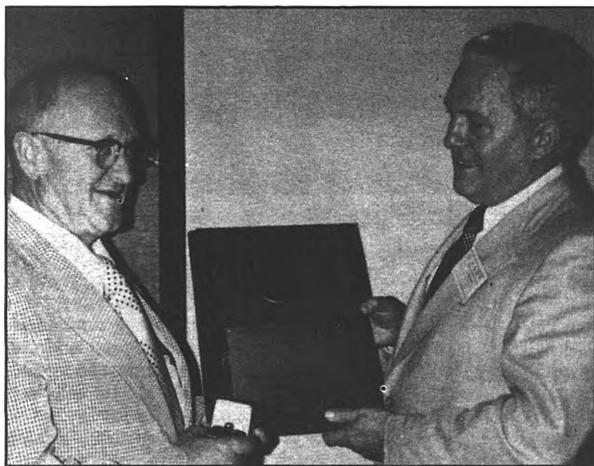
District I	Dr. Kenneth Benson, Bainbridge, NY
District IV	Dr. Jenks Britt, Russellville, KY
District VII	Dr. R.H. Spencer, Scott City, KS
District X	Dr. Leon Weaver, Upland, CA (re-elected)
District XIII	Dr. Edward Shacklady, Okotoks, Alberta, Canada

Dr. John Noordsy, program chairman and Drs. Jack Shanks and Robert Hammond, local arrangements co-chairmen were thanked for their outstanding services.

Dr. Noordsy was installed 1979 President by Dr. Harris on behalf of President James Jarrett.

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## 1978 Bovine Practitioner of the Year



**Dr. Edward F. Sterner, Ionia, Michigan, became the first recipient of the Bovine Practitioner of the Year award during the annual general meeting of the AABP on Wednesday, December 13.**

**The annual award was sponsored by Diamond Laboratories, Inc., and the selection was made by an AABP committee. Dr. Lee Allenstein, who presided over the award ceremony, explained that the recipient must be a veterinarian actively engaged in bovine practice. 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. The award was**

**made by Mr. Warren M. Dobbertin, president of Diamond Laboratories, who presented Dr. Sterner with a diamond ring and a commemorative plaque.**

Dr. Edward F. Sterner was born on June 25, 1914, one of four children. He graduated from high school and in the fall of 1931 he enrolled at Michigan State College in a short course in dairy production. He did DHIA testing for two years and official milk testing for six years. In 1939, at the age of 24, he enrolled in the MSU College of Veterinary Medicine and graduated in December 1943. He set up a mixed practice in the rural community of Ionia, Michigan, which has developed into a five-man practice, including his son, Dr. Keith Sterner.

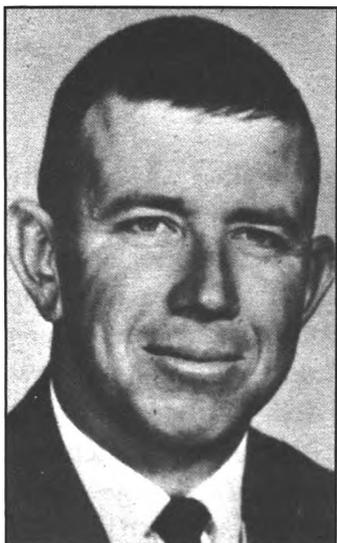
Dr. Sterner is a member of the AVMA, American Association of Swine Practitioners, Michigan VMA and represents the latter on the Michigan Agricultural Conference. He is a loyal member of the American Association of Bovine Practitioners and has attended every convention since its inception in Chicago. He has presented several papers at the AABP and other professional meetings.

Dr. Sterner is an associate clinical professor in the MSU preceptorship program and has had student interns from several veterinary colleges. He has served as a clinical investigator for several drug companies. In 1976 he testified before the Michigan Department of Agriculture hearings on the PBB feed contamination problem and serves on the Michigan Toxic Substance Loan Commission.

Dr. Sterner is married to the former Roberta Lowery from Mendham, New Jersey. They have five children: Keith, Ruth, Ann, Lorene and Becky.

Their colleagues in the American Association of Bovine Practitioners extend to "Doctor Ed" and his wonderful family their warmest congratulations on their richly deserved award.

## In Memoriam



Dr. John Woods, Mesa, Arizona, who died during the Convention had presented papers at the Production of Quality Milk and Bovine Respiratory Diseases pre-conference seminars. He was the owner of the Gilbert Veterinary Clinic in partnership with Dr. Alyn McClure, a practice mainly directed towards dairy herd health programs. Dr. Woods was born in England on January 13, 1934. He received the DVM degree from Kansas State University in 1958. He married his wife, Marian, while stationed in the Army at Fort Douglas, Salt Lake City.

Dr. Wood developed his own practice in Mesa, AZ and was a pioneer in establishing dairy herd health programs for which he gained national and international recognition.

Dr. James Jarrett, AABP President and a close friend wrote this eulogy:

*"In his writings to the Corinthians, the Apostle Paul reminds us that our actions influence those around us more than our words. John's greatest legacy is the example he left of living a life of service. As an active church member, husband, father, and professional veterinarian, his actions expressed a concern for the needs of those around him."*

**The Proceedings were graciously dedicated to his memory.**

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Governor's Proclamation