



A Student Comments on the AVMA Convention

What were the impressions obtained by a student at the Miami AVMA Convention? Let me tell you mine.

Of the many good points of the convention, I thought the various exhibits at the auditorium were interesting and highly informative. Many of the speakers on the section programs had very good presentation and ideas and the handling of the chairman's job of the section on small animals by Dr. C. E. Bild was outstanding. I also think that the profession should look at some of its faults and weak spots as well as good points and so President Zepp should be commended on pointing out some of our shortcomings in his address at the opening session.

It is not my intention to unduly criticize any person or group of persons but I would like to point out in this editorial a few things that did not favorably impress me. First, it was unfortunate that the convention hall had to be finished while the convention was in progress. For another thing, why was the golf tournament held at the same time many of the meetings were in progress? I know the attendance at these meetings was decreased because of this. Wouldn't it be better to follow the custom of the American Medical Association and hold the golf tournament either the day before the convention opened or the day after it closed?

The editors' conference was to my mind largely a waste of time due to the bickering between editors of commercial publications and editors of professional publications on minor points of editorial style. I would like to suggest that these meetings be made into instructive lectures and panels; for I believe many of the editors could derive much help in their individual and collective problems from an editors' conference.

While the convention drew a large attendance, it would be nice if the program could be so devised as to draw more active practitioners to balance the number of educators, research workers, state and federal veterinarians and retired or semi-retired practitioners.

LET'S MAKE EACH CONVENTION BETTER THAN THE LAST !!

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