

## Hereford Association elects officers

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — At the 101st annual meeting of the American Hereford Association held recently in Kansas City, Jack Vanier, Brookville, Ks., was elected to serve as president of the organization for the coming year. Vanier has served the past year as senior vice president and succeeds John R. Howarth, Cleveland, Ms., as president.



Jack Vanier

Vanier is owner-manager of the CK Ranch in central Kansas, a firm which is nearing 50 years in the registered Hereford business. They also have interests in several commercial Hereford operations. The CK herd was one of the first herds enrolled in the Total Performance Records program of the AHA.

Vanier has served as a former president of the Kansas Livestock Association and has been active in the National Cattlemen's Association and the U.S. Meat Export Federation. He has been a member of the board of directors of the American Hereford Association since 1978.

Elevated to serve as senior vice



James Grote

president of the AHA was James Grote of Llano, Tx. Grote serves as manager of Granite Hills Hereford Ranch which operates nearly 500 registered cows and some 1,200

commercial cows. The Granite Hills Hereford Ranch was established 86 years ago as a Hereford operation. Grote has been manager since 1964. He also

operates his own registered Hereford herd.

He is a graduate of Texas A&M University and has served as president of the Hill Country and Texas Hereford Associations. Grote was re-elected to his second three-year term on the AHA board during the annual meeting.

John Venhuizen, Manhattan, Mt., was newly elected to serve on the nine-member governing board of the American Hereford Association. He succeeds David Largent, Wilsall, Mt., who has served the past six years as an AHA board member.

Venhuizen is a native of Manhattan and has farmed and raised cattle there during his entire lifetime. He established his registered Hereford herd in 1960, which numbers more than 100 cows. He is also a leading producer of certified seed potatoes and has served as president and secretary of the Park-Gallatin Hereford Association and as a director of the Montana Hereford Association. He is also active and a member of the Montana Stockgrowers

Association and the National Cattlemen's Association.

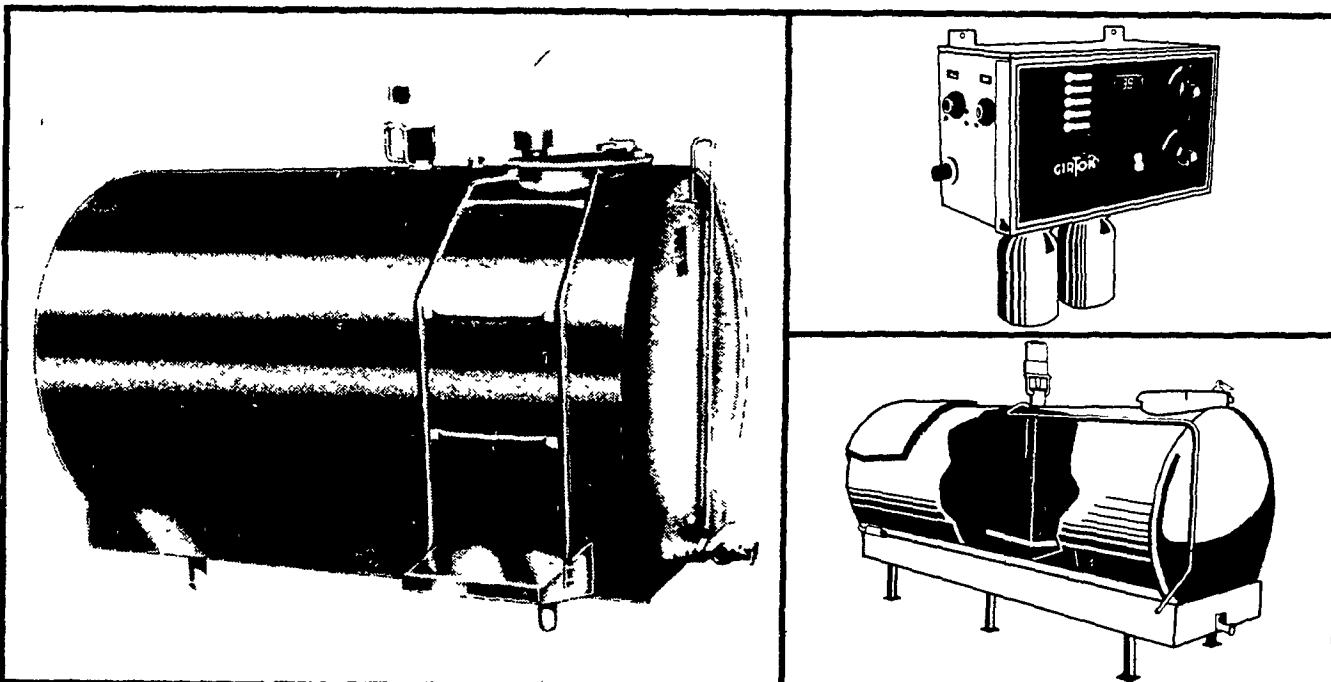
John and his wife, Lee, who serves as a member of the board of directors of the American Hereford Auxiliary, are the parents of four children. Their two sons are active in the registered Hereford business in the Manhattan area.

The Venhuizen herd has become well known throughout the industry for their top-performing cattle. They have been performance tested through the AHA's TPR program for many years and at the Midland Bull Test Center for the past 17 years.

The American Hereford Association annual meeting was held during the American Royal and other Hereford activities which featured conventions of the American Junior Hereford Association, American Hereford Auxiliary and the Register of Merit Hereford show competition.

The American Hereford Association was formed in 1881 in Chicago and for 96 of the 102-year history of the AHA the headquarters have been located in Kansas City.

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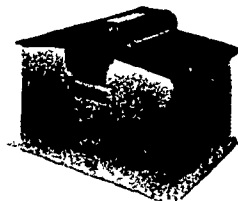
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