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DOLE SALUTES THREE GIANTS OF KANSAS AGRICULTURE

ON NATIONAL AGRICULTURE DAY

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Kansas Senator Bob Dole today used the annual celebration of "National Agriculture Day" to honor the memories of three giants of Kansas agriculture who passed away this year.

Dole, who is the ranking Republican on the Senate Agriculture Committee, today saluted Dr. Arthur "Dad" Weber, a legendary agriculture teacher at Kansas State University; Dr. Erle Bartley, a pioneering researcher in animal science; and Paul DeWeese, noted broadcaster who was the "Voice of Kansas Agriculture" for more than 30 years.

"These three giants of Kansas agriculture will be dearly missed. However, their contributions will continue to flourish as important chapters in our rich agricultural history," Dole said.

"Successful agriculture no doubt depends on climate, resources, and a bit of luck, too, but let's never forget that farming is people. I am proud of the achievements of these distinguished Kansans -- as we celebrate National Agriculture Day this year we ought to remember their contributions not only in Kansas, but wherever farmers work the land," Dole said.

Dole's comments and biographical information on the honored Kansans were made part of the Congressional Record of Monday, March 21, 1983.

Dr. Arthur D. "Dad" Weber

Dr. Weber, born in Muscotah, Kansas, worked with the nation's first land grant university, Kansas State, for more than five decades. He affectionately became known as "Dad" Weber at the school where he held every administrative rank, including Dean of Agriculture and Acting President. When he died at 84, he was vice president emeritus of Kansas State and was recognized internationally as an outstanding livestock researcher and judge.

At K-State, he established a national reputation as a teacher, researcher and administrator. He also established an international reputation as a beef cattle judge. He was the first American to pick the grand champion steer at the international livestock exposition and was the first foreigner to judge Britain's top show, the Smithfield Show in London. He judged all of the top shows in North and South America.

He was selected by the Ford Foundation to a team of U. S. experts to advise the government of India on how to meet their food crisis needs.

Dr. Weber was cited for distinguished service to agriculture by the country's two largest farm organizations and was named by the State Federation of Labor as one of Kansas' 10 most distinguished citizens during her first century of statehood. Today, K-State's animal sciences and industry complex is named Weber Hall in his honor.

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Dr. Erle Bartley

Dr. Bartley, born in India, first arrived at Kansas State University in 1949. He was a scientist and teacher of international stature who lectured and consulted in England, France, Sweden and throughout the world. As a ruminant nutritionist, Dr. Bartley wrote over 100 scientific papers on the subject and was considered the world's leading authority on bloat. He developed poloxalene, the most effective and widely sold bloat preventive in the world.

Dr. Bartley took several major first steps in this area of research. He had the valuable ability to take the basic information derived from his research and apply it to the needs of farms and feedlots. In 1981, he received the Morrison Award, the American Society of Animal Science's highest award.

Paul DeWeese

Paul De Weese, born in Cunningham, Kansas, was recognized throughout our state as "The Voice of Kansas." He was affiliated with KSAC, K-State's University owned radio station, from 1948 until his recent death.

As the extension specialist and director of agricultural programs for the 40-station network, Paul's familiar voice was heard by countless farmers on "Agriculture Today", a half-hour program which aired five days a week.

In 1979, he took an eight-month world tour to observe farming in other countries with a special emphasis on wheat markets. His taped interviews and reports with farmers in the 16 country visit provided an open window on the world for many Kansans.

Mr. DeWeese had the unique ability to relay his agricultural knowledge with an easy manner that generated openness and enthusiasm during interviews. One interviewee was reported as having said, "I never knew how much I knew until I was interviewed by Paul DeWeese."