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Dr. Glenn Rieke, '39, formerly at Lohrville, Iowa is now practicing at Victor, Ia.

Dr. C. L. Nelson, '39, of Jewell, Ia., was married January 20, to Miss Orra Jane Bevins, Coon Rapids, daughter of Mrs. N. O. Bevins.

Dr. Frank J. Linn, '38, who joined the married men's ranks in December, is now practicing at Sheffield, Ia.

Dr. J. D. Ramsey, '39, has accepted an appointment in the U. S. Army Veterinary Corps. He will be stationed first at Camp McPherson, Atlantic, Georgia. His work will take him to many of the army units in southeastern United States.

Dr. Al Seeley, '39, has been transferred to Randolph Field, Texas, from the Federal building at Atlantic, Georgia.

Dr. William E. Irwin, '39, has accepted a position with the Purina Co. at St. Louis, Missouri.

Dr. T. F. Bartley, '33, formerly of Vesta, Minnesota, has taken over the practice of the late Dr. A. D. Ryan, Stewart, Minn.

Dr. and Mrs. E. R. Anderson, '37, Kewanee, Ill., announce the birth of a girl, Bonnie Lynne on Feb. 12, 1940.

Dr. D. W. Glascock, '28, formerly of Danbury, Ia., has accepted an appointment with the B. A. I. and will be stationed at Ottumwa, Ia.

Dr. C. R. Donham, '21, formerly on the Staff of Ohio State University Veterinary Division, has accepted the appointment as head of the Veterinary Department at Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana, succeeding the late Dr. R. A. Craig.

Dr. Irvin Velflick, '39, of Chicago, Illinois, on his return to the campus April 23, announced his engagement to Miss Bettejane Kern, H. Ec. So.

Dr. Carl Venzke, '36, assistant in Veterinary Hygiene, has accepted a position with the Fort Dodge Serum Company. He will be placed in bacteriological work under Dr. H. J. Shore, laboratory director.

Dr. L. A. Dykstra, '37, formerly of Lena, Ill., has given up his private practice and is now associated with the Cutter Laboratories. He has just returned from a three month training period at the Cutter Laboratories in Berkeley, California, and will be located at Galesburg, Ill.

Dr. M. E. Boyer, '39, formerly of Drs. Dykstra and Boyer, has moved his office from Freeport, Ill., to Lena, Ill.

Dr. and Mrs. L. E. St. Clair are the proud parents of a seven pound baby girl, Judith Louise, born April 21, 1940. Dr. St. Clair is Assistant Professor in Veterinary Anatomy.
Dr. T. W. Stearns, Veterinary Research Farm, was awarded his Doctor of Philosophy degree at the University of Minnesota at the end of this winter quarter in March. The title of Dr. Stearns' thesis is "Electrophoresis Studies on Brucella".

Dr. M. H. Jacobs, '36, is established in general practice at Cheslerton, Maryland.

Robert Sheumaker, '40, recently announced his engagement to Miss Mary Lou Rusk of Mount Ayr, Iowa.

Raymond Helvig, '41, as a member of the Iowa State Singers, enjoyed a trip to Chicago immediately following spring vacation. Concerts were given in Marshalltown, Muscatine, Davenport, Chicago, Ill., Rockford, Ill., and Waterloo.

Arthur Gathmann, '42, announced his engagement to Miss Frances McClure, H. Ec. Sr.

Dr. I. A. Merchant, of the Veterinary Hygiene Department, Iowa State College, Ames, spoke on "That Glass of Milk—Is It Safe?" at the meeting of the Women's Student Health Council at Ames on February 27.

Dr. C. D. Lee, '27, Veterinary Research Farm, attended the Poultry Disease Short Course and Clinic at Sioux City, Iowa, on April 9.

Dr. Margaret Sloss, '38, Department of Veterinary Pathology, spoke to the evening division of the Ames Women's Club on "Women In Veterinary Medicine" on March 4.

Dr. Carl E. Venzke, '33, assistant veterinary hygienist, announced his marriage to Miss Ruth E. Johnston at the Lutheran Church in Boone, Iowa, March 20, 1940. Dr. and Mrs. F. D. Blohm of Ames were the attending couple. Mrs. Venzke is a stenographer in the Federal Bangs Disease Laboratory, Ames, Iowa.

Two veterinary faculty members presented papers at the Southwest Iowa Veterinary Meeting held at Hotel Chieftan, Council Bluffs, Iowa. Dr. Waller, veterinary pathologist, spoke on "Tularemia in Animals". "Raw Milk Production" was the theme of the paper presented by Dr. Merchant, Veterinary Hygiene Department.

William Knoop, '41, member and newly-elected president of the I. S. C. Band, enjoyed a concert tour with that organization during the spring vacation. The tour included stops in Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming and Iowa.

Dr. E. A. Benbrook, Dr. H. D. Bergman, and Dr. I. A. Merchant, members of the Iowa State College veterinary staff, have recently been named to committees of the American Medical Association. Dr. Benbrook is a member of the special committee on parasitology; Dr. Bergman, past president of the A. V. M. A., is chairman of the sub-committee on veterinary items of the national formulary committee; and Dr. Merchant is a member of the special committee on nomenclature of diseases and vital statistics.

Dr. Herbert M. Evans, director of the Institution of Experimental Biology, University of California at Berkeley, California, gave two lectures in the I.S.C.'s Physics Auditorium on April 1, 1940. In the afternoon he talked on "Recent Advances in the Study of Vitamin E," and that evening, "History of Endocrinology" was his topic. Dr. Walter Venzke, veterinary anatomy instructor, and James Gilmore, Vet. Med. '41, formerly a laboratory technician under Dr. Evans, met Dr. Evans in Des Moines and brought him to Ames. Members of the
Veterinary faculty entertained Dr. Evans during his short visit on the campus.

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Dr. Leslie M. Hurt

Dr. Leslie M. Hurt, of Los Angeles, California, is a native Iowan. His home was originally in Rock Creek Township, Jasper County, Iowa. He enrolled in the Iowa State Veterinary College in 1900, and received his degree in Veterinary Medicine four years later. Immediately following graduation, he was given an instructorship in Veterinary Science at Iowa State. Three years later Dr. Hurt accepted a professorship in the Veterinary Science Division at Michigan State College. In 1912 he established himself in Pasadena, California, as the City Veterinarian. The next year he received the appointment as the Los Angeles County Livestock Inspector and is still acting in that capacity.

Dr. Hurt’s duties as Los Angeles Livestock Inspector are numerous. There are so many worthy projects carried on by that department it is impossible to mention all of them in this short dissertation. One great industry aided was swine husbandry. The country surrounding the city contained large numbers of swine being fed on garbage. By definite control measures and supervisory regulation the swine losses were greatly reduced and resulted in regular inspection of all forms by this office. The Poultry Demonstration Plant at Pomona is also under the eye of the Livestock Inspector. Among other projects under this department’s supervision are meat inspection, poisonous plant investigations, tuberculosis and brucellosis control, and contagious and infectious disease control.

Horses are Dr. Hurt’s favorite hobby, and he is known to be an excellent judge of them. In such spare time as he has, he managed to write several articles on Disease Prevention.

Along with all of his duties he has found time for several civic, social, and professional organizations. A few of these are: International Veterinary Congress, California State and American Veterinary Medical Associations, Agriculture Committee of Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, Arcadia Lodge, and others.

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Graduate in War Zone

In a recent letter to a friend on the Iowa State College campus, Dr. Sheo Piao of the class of ’37, relates some interesting experiences.

Working in a straw shed that is not too efficient at turning rain, Dr. Sheo is carrying on as director of the Bureau of Animal Industry in Kwangsi, a province in southern China directly concerned in the war with Japan. The destruction of his laboratory at Nanking by Japanese bombs forced him to evacuate and is responsible for the lack of facilities at his present location. Dr. Sheo’s headquarters are now at Kwei-ling, the capital of the province of Kwangsi.

He tells of the demoralizing effect of living in constant fear of air raids, and of several narrow escapes during the bombing of Nanking. Once a bomb struck just fifty yards away covering him with mud and stones.

Upon his return to China in the summer of 1937, his first assignment was with the Department of Veterinary Science of the National Agricultural Research Bureau in Nanking, assisting the Bureau of Animal Industry.

In March of 1938 he was transferred to the Bureau of Animal Industry and was made acting director of the bureau in Kwangsi, the position which he now holds. He is charged with the responsibility of animal disease control for the province, a position comparable to state veterinarian in this country.

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