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THE NEW STAFF presents this issue—the culmination of a desire as underclassmen to some day earn a place on The Veterinary Student staff. When referring to the first issue, Vol. 1, No. 1, growth and improvement can be noted in every department. It is just such developments by former staffs that have created the demand for our magazine in college and institutional libraries in our own country as well as in India and Great Britain.

INTERESTING TO KNOW that "The ranks of the veterinarians . . . are thinning out" as quoted from an article in a late issue of a women's journal. While this not-too-well-informed author was undoubtedly referring to our profession as being on the decline in its service to society, he possibly doesn't realize the relation of this statement to the present situation. Truly the "... ranks are thinning out"—the practitioners in the field are being called into service. The Veterinary Corps is calling up 900 more veterinarians this year. The recent graduates of the veterinary colleges are being called but the number of graduates total less than one-half of those needed to fill this quota. The practitioners remaining have large territories to cover which means working day and night. The increase in size of territory covered and increased value of livestock makes the veterinarians' task more difficult and consequently each individual veterinarian is being called upon to play a greater part in the war effort.

THE ARMY has taken the first step toward making the Veterinary Division of Iowa State College a military unit. When this magazine went to press the students had taken their physical examinations. Those accepted have been inducted and will continue in veterinary school with the rank of private. Such action by the Army was gladly welcomed by the students. We have for some time wanted to take an active part in this world-wide conflict. The actual induction and visions of a uniform, which have not as yet been issued, gives not only us but also the outsiders the satisfaction of our being part of the armed forces.

OUR COVER is the entrance to Stange Memorial Clinic with the bust of the late Dean Stange reposed in the brick arch. This photograph was taken by Dr. George R. Fowler.