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Propose a National Iowa State College Veterinary Alumni Association

On January 23, 1952, the following letter was received and we wish to print it in full for the Iowa State College Alumni readers:

Mr. Paul E. Gocham, Editor
Iowa State College Veterinarian
Iowa State College
Ames, Iowa

Dear Sir:

On January 15, 1952 the Iowa State Veterinary Alumni in Minnesota held their annual luncheon meeting in the Casino Room of the Hotel St. Paul, St. Paul, Minn. Sixty-four alumni members were present at the luncheon. Visiting alumni members who attended the meeting were Drs. Isaac E. Hayes ('31), Waterloo, Iowa; C. M. Cooper ('49), Kansas City, Mo.; R. A. Sawyer ('26), Brookings, S. Dak.; L. L. Dunn ('24), Dell Rapids, S. Dak.; M. F. Benson ('40), Grand Forks, N. Dak.; R. M. Scott ('38), Sioux Falls, S. Dak.; L. L., Dunn ('24), D. F. Goetsch, ('43), Lincoln, Neb.; Wayne Riser ('32), Skokie, Ill.; and A. W. Krause ('37), Cherokee, Iowa.

The program at the luncheon meeting included the reading of a letter from Dean Bergman informing the alumni of recent developments in the Division of Veterinary Medicine at Iowa State College and comments about our alma mater by Drs. Isaac Hayes, Mayne Riser and R. O. Rydell ('34).

During the discussion following the meeting the secretary was instructed by the group to write a letter to you, with copies to Dean Bergman and others, stating our interest in the establishment of a National Iowa State College Veterinary Alumni Association. It was the opinion of the group that your journal could act, by the publication of this letter or by other methods, as the means of expressing our interest and the soliciting of opinions of others. The group felt that the need for such an organization is great in that we alumni of Iowa State have had very little opportunity to express our gratitude, in an organized manner, directly to the Division of Veterinary Medicine at our alma mater. We also feel that there is very little being done relative to the remembrance of retired faculty members who have contributed so much to our lives and whose ideals, standards and deeds should be permanently recorded to assist and to stimulate future students and faculty members.

The suggestion was also made that we should attempt to bring about the organization of such a group at the next annual Veterinary Alumni Homecoming luncheon on Oct. 18, 1952. It is our understanding that the homecoming is sponsored by the student chapter of the A.V.M.A. so a copy of this letter and an appeal for assistance is being sent to the President of that organization. The Minnesota Alumni are of the opinion that because of the number of alumni who attend the homecoming it should offer an excellent opportunity for the organization of such a group.

Another suggestion made at the meeting was that if such an organization was established, your publication could, if agreeable with all concerned, act as the official publication of such an organization for the communication of official business and other items of interest to the members of the association.

The Iowa State Veterinary Alumni in Minnesota will indeed be grateful to you and your publication for any assistance you may wish to give in the furtherance of this worthwhile movement. We also wish to thank Drs. I. Hayes and Wayne Riser who first directed our attention to the need for such an organization.

I shall anxiously await your decision and opinion regarding the establishment of a National Iowa State Alumni Association.

Sincerely yours,

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GENERAL

Dr. G. G. Graham, '08, of Kansas City, Mo., vacationed in Mexico in February. While there he made a survey of veterinary practice conditions.

Dr. A. L. Beverly, '11, has retired from practice and is located on a farm near Spirit Lake, Iowa. He does general farming and is chairman of the Production and Marketing Association for Dickinson county.

Officers elected at the Eastern Iowa Veterinary Association are: Dr. M. C. Larson, '38, Keystone, as president; Dr. N. R. Waggoner, '41, Olin, as secretary; and Dr. A. R. Menary, '10, as treasurer.

Col. Oness H. Dixon, Jr., '15, of Chicago, Fifth Army veterinarian, retired in December, 1951, after 34 years of active army service. At the beginning of his military career in World War I, Col. Dixon served at Camp MacArthur, Texas, and in Siberia. Between wars he served in the Philippines and Hawaii, and later at the Chicago Quartermaster Depot. After World War II he served in the Asiatic-Pacific theatre and was named chief of Veterinary Corps activities in the Fifth Army area in 1950.

Dr. W. Aitken, '17, of Merrill, Iowa, has sold his practice to Dr. Duane Jacobs, '49, who practiced in Wheaton, Minn. Dr. Aitken is moving to the offices of the AVMA in Chicago where he is assuming an editorial position on the association’s journal.

Dr. E. A. Brockmeier, '23, has requested a change of address from Manchester, Iowa, to Riverside, Calif.

At the annual convention of the Iowa Veterinary Medical Association held in Des Moines in January, Dr. Lester Proctor, '34, Oelwein, was elected president; Dr. F. S. Sharp, KCV, Ute, president-elect; Dr. Frank Linn, '38, Sheffield, first vice-president; Dr. George Gitz, Jr., '42, Corning, second vice-president. Dr. Dale Adams, '39, Webb, was elected to the executive board from his district; Dr. Frank Young, KCV, Waukee, executive secretary-treasurer; and Dr. C. D. Lee, '27, Ames, was elected association representative to the AVMA House of Representatives.

Dr. Maynard L. Spear, '31, who practiced for 13 years at Oelwein, Iowa, and for 8 years at Hampton, Iowa, has accepted an appointment as an extension veterinarian at Iowa State College.

Dr. Hugh Linn, '30, Gilmore City, refereed ISC wrestling matches during the '51-52 season.

Dr. A. C. Peterson, '32, Washington, Iowa, hunted caribou and mountain sheep in Canada last fall.

Two ISC Alumni were elected to office at the annual meeting of the Chicago Veterinary Medical Association on January 8, 1952: Dr. Wayne H. Riser, '32, Skokie, Ill., as secretary-treasurer; Dr. Lester E. Fisher, '43, Berwyn, Ill., as a member of the board of governors.

These ISC Alumni were installed in office at the Minnesota State Veterinary Medical Society meeting on Jan. 14-16, 1952: Dr. B. S. Pomerooy, '33, School of Veterinary Medicine, St. Paul, Minn., as secretary-treasurer; Dr. E. G. Hughes, '32, Warroad, Minn., as president-elect; L. T. Christenson, '42, Hancock, Minn., as a member of the board of trustees.
Dr. M. C. Larson, '38, Keystone, Iowa, is having a 2-way radio installed.

Dr. V. U. Thomson, '38, Clearfield, Iowa, was elected vice president for the Southwestern Iowa Veterinary Medical Association on Oct. 2, 1951.

Drs. E. H. Von Glan, '38, and R. C. Bunge, '51, have purchased a new office building in Hawarden, Iowa.

The following officers are now directing the activities of the North Central Iowa Veterinary Medical Association: Dr. V. R. Howie, '40, Manson, as president; Dr. L. W. Feldman, '42, Rolfe, as president-elect; Dr. B. J. Gray, '43, Fort Dodge, as secretary-treasurer; Drs. E. R. Henning, '43, Breda, and J. D. Rhodes, '43, Fort Dodge, as members of the executive board.

Dr. Dale Adams, '39, Webb, Iowa, was elected president of the Interstate Veterinary Medical Association.

Dr. Elmer J. Bild, '39, who has been in practice at Ireton, Iowa, since his discharge from military service in 1945, is now associated with Dr. F. O. Lundberg, at Wausua, Neb.

Dr. Max W. Jones, '41, recently announced the opening of the Los Altos Animal Hospital, at 462 South San Antonio Avenue, Mountain View, Calif.

Dr. F. W. Knopp, '41, has sold his practice at LeMars, Iowa, to Dr. Ronald E. Severson, '50, who practiced in Moorhead, Minn., for the past year.

Dr. R. K. Bradt, '41, is building a new home in Fort Dodge, Iowa.

The following ISC Alumni contributed papers at the Minnesota State Veterinary Medical Society meeting on Jan. 14-16, 1952: Dr. Art Pennings, '43, Minneota, Minn., "Problems in Beef Cattle Practice." Dr. Wayne Riser, '32, Skokie, Ill., "Illustrated Discussion of Hard Pad Disease and Canine Hepatitis." Dr. Isaac Hayes, '37, Waterloo, Iowa, "Horse Practice, Illustrated." Dr. A. W. Krause, '37, Cherokee, Iowa, "Some Phases of Swine Practice."

Dr. A. M. Scott, '43, has a new small animal hospital in Long Beach, Calif.

Drs. Stilaf Anderson, '43 Elma, Iowa, and A. J. Nelson, '43, Nashua, Iowa, were deer hunting in Minnesota last fall.

Dr. E. R. Henning, '43, formerly of Albany, Mo., is now associated in practice with Dr. T. R. Dermody, '32, at Breda, Iowa.

Dr. R. D. Irvine, '43, Newton, Iowa, took Dr. R. Van Dyke, Allerton, Iowa, in partnership the first of the year.

Captain H. M. Stanton, '43, is now stationed in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, at Wilson and Co.

Dr. Robert Roy Dappen, '50, Manning, Iowa, has installed 2-way radio for use between house, office and car.

Dr. Robert E. Hall, '50, has moved from Westfield, Wis., to work with the state diagnostic laboratory in Madison, Wis.

Dr. John G. Kilian, '50, has entered into a partnership with Dr. B. Rosenfield, '37, at Osage, Iowa.
Dr. Don Moore, '45, Decorah, Iowa, is another of the practitioners having a 2-way radio installed.

Dr. Philip R. Allen, '49, who has been in general practice at Parkersburg, Iowa, has been appointed instructor in the Department of Veterinary Pathology and Hygiene at the University of Illinois, College of Veterinary Medicine.

Dr. C. J. Bierschwal, '50, is ambulatory clinician at the University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo.

Dr. Carl Jacobsen, '51, until recently a member of the Iowa Diagnostic Laboratory staff, has joined Dr. John Melcher, '50, in practice at the Yellowstone Valley Veterinary Clinic, Forsyth, Mont.

BIRTHS

To Dr. and Mrs. R. F. Freeman, '37, Canton, S. D., a daughter, Rebecca Harriett, on Sept. 5, 1951.

To Dr. and Mrs. P. E. Smith, '43, Ames, Iowa, a son, Philip E., on Dec. 7, 1951.

To Dr. and Mrs. A. M. Scott, '43, Long Beach, Calif., a daughter on Jan. 16, 1952.

To Dr. and Mrs. W. G. Tietz, '44, Eldora, Iowa, a son, William Herman, on Sept. 23, 1951.

To Dr. and Mrs. Orlyn Feuerback, '45, Preston, Iowa, a daughter, Janice Sue, on Sept. 3, 1951.

To Dr. and Mrs. W. R. Hunter, '49, Alexis, Ill., a daughter, Betsy Lynn, on Oct. 1, 1951.

To Dr. and Mrs. K. M. Tabberson, '49, Cohato, Minn., a daughter, Ruth Inez, on Aug. 14, 1951.

To Dr. and Mrs. James A. Sloan, '49, Independence, Iowa, a son, James A. Jr., on Oct. 15, 1951.

To Dr. and Mrs. G. V. Peacock, '50, Sioux City, Iowa, a son, Val Edward, on Oct. 25, 1951.

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To Dr. and Mrs. D. E. Gubser, '50, Earlham, Iowa, a daughter, Darcey Jane on Jan. 2, 1951.

To Dr. and Mrs. E. E. Linn, '50, Ackley, Iowa, a son, John George, on Oct. 14, 1951.

To Dr. and Mrs. G. N. Lukas, '50, Turlock, Calif., twin sons, Philip Scott and Robert Barker, on May 20, 1951.

To Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Macheak, '50, Okmulgee, Okla., a son, Gregory, on June 12, 1951.

To Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Melcher, '50, Forsyth, Mont., a daughter, Joan Carol, on Aug. 27, 1951.

To Dr. and Mrs. Robert A. Moore, '50, Dunlap, Iowa, a son, Marc Franklin, on Sept. 25, 1951.

MARRIAGES

Dr. Ronald Severson, '50, LeMars, Iowa, to Miss Joan Smith of Meridan.

Dr. Dean I. Lee, '51, Storm Lake, to Miss Betty Lou Benson, Inwood, Iowa, on Aug. 12, 1951.

Dr. Hugh E. Mullen, '51, Montezuma, Iowa, to Mrs. Mildred Siveke on Aug. 27, 1951.

Dr. Charles Daugherty, '51, Ames, Iowa, to Miss Agnes Fox of Ames, on Sept. 11, 1951.

Dr. Herschel Chudomelka, '50, to Miss Ethel Pearce of Meca, Arizona, on Jan. 30, 1951.


By far the great majority of free-martins appear just as normal as do any other heifers of similar age, except that as they get older the normal heat periods do not occur in the free-martin.

By use of a vaginal speculum, not more than 12 inches long and from ½ to ¾ inch in diameter, one can readily determine the breeding capabilities. The suspected heifer, if a true free-martin, will have a vagina of only ⅛ normal length or about 2 to 3 inches long when the heifer is young. The tapered ending of the vagina may have blind pockets but there is no continuation of these parts as in the normal heifer.

Colostrum banks can give young calves a better start in life. Colostrum, the first milk the cow gives after calving, contains important minerals, vitamins, and antibodies that help the calves survive the first few critical days after birth. Experiments have shown that colostrum pooled from several cows in the herd, then frozen and stored, can be thawed out and fed the orphan calves as an effective substitute for fresh colostrum.

If a patient comes out of pentobarbital before surgery is completed, give 50 mg. of demerol per 10 pounds of body weight intramuscularly. After a wait of two minutes, surgery can be completed without pain to the patient or danger of barbiturate overdose.

Infantile cortical hyperostosis, is a new clinical entity, due in part to hyper-vitaminosis. In this affection, periosteal calcification of long bones occurs in patients that have been overdosed with vitamins A and D.