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HOMEComing

Above: Dr. and Mrs. P. K. Dougan, Ankeny; Dr. O. W. Whitcomb, Center Point; Dr. Minton, San Jose, Calif.; Dr. Baker, Klemme; Below: View of the courtyard.
“Chow Time”

Facing the camera above are Dr. and Mrs. W. Kopp and Dean and Mrs. Merchant.
NEW POSITIONS

Dr. Burton J. Gray, '43, was elected president and general manager of the Fort Dodge Laboratories, Inc., Sept. 14, 1955. He succeeded Scott L. Barrett, who was promoted to the new office of chairman of the board.

Soon after joining Fort Dodge in 1944 he was assisting the late Dr. H. J. Shore in direction of the biological laboratories. With the death of Doctor Shore in 1952 he was appointed laboratory director. He had previously served as director of the biological farm and assistant director of the laboratories. He was elected a vice president and member of the board of directors in 1953. Last June Doctor Gray was made executive vice-president.

In 1954 Doctor Gray was named by the Iowa State Junior Chamber of Commerce as the "outstanding young Iowan of the year." He is a member-at-large of the AVMA Research Council, having been appointed for a three year term by the Executive Board in 1954.

Dr. B. J. Gray is a member of the Executive Committee of the Iowa State College Veterinary Medical Alumni Association.

Dr. Lloyd Diehl Jones, '31, joined the diagnostic laboratory staff of Corn States Laboratories, Inc., Sept. 1. He had been with the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory at Iowa State College since 1949. In the Department of Veterinary Pathology he served as an assistant professor. Last July Doctor Jones received his master's degree in veterinary pathology from Iowa State. His extensive past experience covering both large and small animal work includes general practice, 5 years with the North Shore Animal Hospital, Evanston, Illinois, a year and a half with a regional diagnostic laboratory in Illinois, and 3 years with the research laboratories of Swift and Company. Additional experience includes 7 years with the army and B.A.I. meat inspection work.

Doctor Jones is a member of the AVMA, United States Livestock Sanitary Association of America, Phi Zeta, and Pi Kappa Alpha. Doctor and Mrs. Jones have three children.

Dr. Roger F. Hess, '23, is now federal government meat inspector and supervisor of the Swift plant in Marshalltown, Iowa. Doctor and Mrs. Hess are living at 112 N. 3rd St. of that city.

After graduation Doctor Hess located at Bagley, Iowa where he was engaged in general practice for 27 years. Prior to his appointment at Marshalltown he did meat inspection work in Des Moines, Iowa for four years. There are two children, Frank, G.E., '49, of Libertyville, Ill., and Harris, of Coon Rapids, Iowa.

Dr. Richard A. Moody, '55, has been appointed to a position in the Animal Pathology Department, University of Maine, Orono, Me.

Dr. Paul D. DeLay, '34, has been designated as Chief of the European Mission for Research on Foot and Mouth Disease, ARS, USDA, with headquarters in Amsterdam, Holland. He will then be assigned to the staff on Plum Island, New York, for further work on vesicular diseases.

GENERAL NEWS

Dr. James A. Creed, '55, is now practicing with Dr. John Dewar, '30, at Cherokee, Iowa.

Dr. Robert Cowger, '55, is practicing with Dr. Dale Brinkmeyer, '51, in New London, Iowa.

Dr. Richard A. Carmichael, '55, is associated with Dr. R. T. Speaker, '50, at Keota, Iowa.

Dr. John R. Conley, '55, is practicing with Dr. E. J. Osen at Anita, Iowa.

Dr. H. A. Petersen, '54, is now associated with Dr. William R. Hunter, '49, at Alexis, Ill. The past year Dr. Petersen had practiced at Sheffield, Illinois.
Dr. Richard E. Shirbroun, '52, is now practicing in Coon Rapids, Iowa, after being released from active duty with the United States Air Force last January. He served his tour of active duty in Alaska. Doctor and Mrs. Shirbroun have a son, Randal Mark, age one year.

Dr. A. Raymond Cullen, '51, has now established his own practice at Crystal Lake, Iowa. He was formerly associated with Dr. Jerald P. Jorgensen, '44, at Forest City, Iowa.

Dr. Charles E. Bea, '50, has taken over the practice of Dr. Laurence J. Jennings at Elliott, Iowa.

Dr. E. T. Anderson, '37, who operates the Tangue Verde Animal Hospital in Tucson, Arizona, is recovering from surgery for correction of "slipped discs" involving dorsal vertebrae.

Dr. George Firkins, '55, has now established his own practice at Kirkland, Ill. Doctor Firkins was formerly located at Hinkley, Ill.

Dr. R. W. Collison, '55, has opened a new veterinary hospital in Carroll, Iowa.

Dr. Joe Doudna, '55, is now associated with Dr. H. B. Hunter, '49, in Des Moines, Iowa.

Dr. Edwin W. Branaman, '54, is in general practice at Harrodsburg, Kentucky.

Dr. J. D. Francis, '54, is now associated with Dr. J. N. Hunt at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

Dr. Duane Strom, '55, has established a practice at New Vienna, Iowa.

Dr. Richard Baum, '55, has purchased the practice of Dr. Ben Rosenfeld at Osage, Iowa.

Dr. J. B. Watkins, '51, has joined the staff of the Minot Veterinary Clinic, Minot, North Dakota.

Dr. A. M. Strohbehn, '52, has occupied a new building on the South Omaha Bridge Road, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Dr. R. E. Philbrick, '44, has reopened his hospital in Riverside, California, following his discharge from the Air Force.

Dr. N. R. Ward, '44, has opened a hospital in Worcester, Mass.

MILITARY

Lt. Roderick Zachery, '55, is serving with the Station Veterinarian's Office, Fort Dix, N. J.

Lt. Robert Gubser, '55, is in charge of the small animal clinic at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Lt. Keith Johnson, '55, is stationed at the Base Veterinarian's Office, Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, Minneapolis, Minn.

Lt. Walter E. Dockstader, '55, is stationed at the Port Veterinarian's Office, New Orleans Port of Embarkation, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Lt. Nevin H. McKay, '55, is serving with the Veterinary Food Inspection Detachment, Kansas City, Mo.

Lt. Edward L. Hendrich, '54, was recently transferred to Zone No. 2, South Park Milt. Installation, Broughton, Pa.

Lt. Allen Y. Miyahara, '54, has been transferred to Fort McArthur, Maywood, Calif. He is serving with the Food Inspection Detachment.

Lt. Ward R. Richter, '55, is now a member of the 97-23rd Chemical Corps Medical Laboratories, Army Chemical Center, Md.

New Zealand's human and dairy population are both approximately 1,750,000; hence they export 90% of their dairy products.
MARRIAGES

Miss Rosemary de Bruyn and Dr. Gary Kempers, ’55, were married Sept. 10, in the Second Reformed Church of Pella, Iowa. They are living at 612 Palmyra Road, Dixon, Illinois. Doctor Kempers is employed by Doctors Collins and Densmore.

Miss Helen Larraine Stevenson and Dr. James A. Creel, ’55, were married in the Elim Lutheran Church in Randall, Iowa, June 26.

Miss Janice Elliott and Dr. Owen W. Nelson, ’55, were married at DeKalb, Illinois, August 6.

Miss Sandra Boysen and 1st Lt. Robert Karl Gubser, ’55, were married in the First Presbyterian Church at Waterloo, Iowa, October 31. The couple will live in San Antonio, Texas, where Lt. Gubser is stationed at Fort Sam Houston.

Miss Patricia Ann Handsaker and Dr. Frank Norman Hughes, ’55, were married in the Colo Methodist Church, July 17. The couple are living in St. Charles, Iowa, where Doctor Hughes is practicing.

Miss Janet Hetts and Dr. Fred Zimmerman, ’54, were married at Birnamwood, Wisconsin on August 6.

IN MEMORIUM

Dr. Frank Thorp, Jr., ’26, died suddenly in a Denver hospital Sept. 9, 1955 of a condition ascribed as bulbar poliomyelitis. He became ill upon returning from a canoe trip in the turbulent rapids of the Colorado River. The family was vacationing in the “four corners” area of Colorado.

Doctor Thorp was at the time of his death professor of pathology, College of Veterinary Medicine, Michigan State University. His life’s work had been devoted particularly to research on diseases of sheep and swine. He was best known for his work on listeriosis in sheep and cattle and deficiency diseases of swine.

He served as a research scientist at the Colorado Experiment Station and joined the staff of Michigan State College in this capacity in 1940. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Illinois in 1936 where he also served on the veterinary staff. He was author or co-author of approximately 100 technical articles and bul-

BIRTHS

To Dr. and Mrs. John A. Bush, ’54, Flora, Indiana, on June 9, 1955, a daughter.

To Dr. and Mrs. R. Allen Packer, ’40, Ames, Iowa, a son, James Allen, on March 13, 1955.

Vesicular stomatitis virus has been isolated and photographed with an electron microscope by University of Wisconsin scientists. The virus, which also attacks humans, is the first rod-shaped virus known to cause disease in animals.

Dr. Frank Thorp, Jr.
letins on animal diseases.

Doctor Thorpe was a member of the AVMA, Research Workers in Animal Diseases of North America, Society of American Bacteriologists, Society of Experimental Biology and Medicine, the American Association of Pathologists and Bacteriologist and of six honorary societies.

He is survived by his widow, and son and daughter.

Dr. D. W. Hart, '50, died unexpectedly June 25. He was associated with Dr. J. Murphy at Winthrop, Iowa.

Dr. R. B. Conaway, '32, of Jefferson, Missouri died in an automobile accident January 18, 1955. Doctor Conaway was assistant state veterinarian. He is survived by a daughter and a son.

Dr. R. E. Kyner, '11, died May 6, at Humeston, Iowa. He had been a general practitioner.

Dr. Wilbur C. Smith, '09, Des Moines, Iowa, died recently.

MEMORIAL FUND

In 1955 the Women's Auxiliary to the AVMA established a Memorial Fund to Augment the Student Loan Fund.

Gifts or gift legacies in memory of deceased veterinarians or their families may be given to this fund by friends and relatives. These gifts will further veterinary education and will constitute a lasting memorial to the deceased.

A special memorial card will be sent to the family with the donor's name inscribed. The donor will also receive due acknowledgement of the gift.

All checks should be made payable to treasurer, Mrs. John D. Stevens, P.O. Box 5, Sequim, Washington.

IOWA STATE ALUMNI MEETING

As prescribed by the By-Laws, there will be a meeting of the Iowa State College Veterinary Medical Alumni Association on Tuesday evening, January 17, 1956, in the South Ballroom, Hotel Fort Des Moines, at 8:00 p.m. This will be during the annual convention of the Iowa Veterinary Medical Association, January 17-19, and the meeting has been set to avoid any conflict with scheduled events of the State Association. Wives are welcome.

ALUMNI AWARDS FOR 1955

Dean I. A. Merchant presented the Alumni Association awards at the annual convocation and awards meeting of the Iowa State College Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association, June 1, 1955.

Recipients of the $50.00 student awards were Loren Nelson '57 of the Sophomore class and Leo N. Slife '56 of the Junior Class. Individuals receiving these awards are chosen from the Sophomore and Junior Classes on the basis of certain attainments and qualities by the Committee of Honors and Awards of the veterinary faculty.

A contribution of $50.00 was made to the Student Veterinary Medical Reading Room for subscriptions to professional periodicals and purchase of books.

Final award was a contribution to the AVMA Research Fund for veterinary post-graduate study.

GRADUATE COURSES OFFERED

The University of Pennsylvania's Graduate School of Medicine, whose students are graduate physicians and dentists, will offer courses for doctors of veterinary medicine next fall for the first time.

The announcement was made by Dr. George Morris Piersol, dean of the Graduate School of Medicine, and Dr. Mark
W. Allam, dean of the University’s School of Veterinary Medicine.

One purpose of the new courses is to prepare doctors of veterinary medicine for full-time teaching and research work in veterinary schools, where qualified clinicians are needed urgently, Doctor Allam said.

The courses, leading to the degree of Master of Veterinary Medical Science, in clinical specialties, will stress broad education in the basic medical sciences and their correlation with the diagnosis and treatment of clinical problems.

Facilities of the School of Veterinary Medicine and its 220-acre New Bolton Center, near Kennett Square, Pa., as well as those of the Graduate School of Medicine, will be used.

ALUMNI NEWS

Ithaca, N. Y., — A new degree, Doctor of Science in Veterinary Medicine, has been established at Cornell, the first university in the United States to offer it.

The D.Sc. in Veterinary Medicine will be a professional degree for advanced study in such clinical practices as medicine, surgery and therapeutics, according to Dean William A. Hagan of the Veterinary College.

“Specialization in veterinary medicine has reached a point where the traditional Ph.D. program no longer suffices for all the various types of advanced training that are needed,” he stated.

Cornell will continue to offer a Ph.D. degree with a major in veterinary medicine, for persons doing original research in such basic sciences as anatomy, bacteriology, physiology and pathology.

A new division of veterinary medicine in the Cornell Graduate School will administer the D.Sc. in Veterinary Medicine. Applicants for admission must have graduated from an approved school of veterinary medicine at least five years previously, and must have published papers demonstrating their ability for independent research.

Candidates with no graduate credit beyond their D.V.M. degree must complete at least two years of full-time study for the doctor’s degree, while candidates with a master of science degree must complete at least one year.

SOME CHARACTERISTICS OF TRANSMISSIBLE GASTROENTERITIS (TGE) IN DISEASE-FREE ANTIBODY-DEVIOID PIGS. Some characteristics of transmissible gastroenteritis (TGE) of swine were determined by study of the disease in young disease-free antibody-devoid pigs. The findings are summarized as follows.

The infective TGE agent passed a 230 millimicron gradacol membrane but not a 170 millimicron membrane. Its particle size was estimated at 200 millimicrons.

Five-day-old pigs were refractory to large doses of the TGE agent on intratracheal instillation and intraperitoneal injection. They were readily susceptible to virus on intranasal and intragastric instillation.

Although the TGE agent did not ordinarily multiply in lung tissue of 6-day-old pigs following intranasal instillation, it multiplied readily in the lung of pigs inoculated when 2 hours old. The opposite occurred in the nasal mucosa. Whereas the virus readily multiplied in the nasal mucosa of 6-day-old pigs, it did not in 2-hour-old pigs. The agent multiplied readily in all portions of the gastrointestinal tract. Viremia forty-eight or more hours after inoculation was common. A maturation resistance to TGE occurred in pigs with advancing age. Mortality approached 100 percent in pigs less than a week old. Obvious infections occurred in 11- and 17-day-old pigs but the mortality was low. In 24-day-old pigs, TGE infection occurred but was inapparent.

Specific anti-TGE serum was produced in 16-week-old pigs. It contained sufficient antibody to neutralize TGE virus in vitro and to protect the life of pigs in vivo.