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Dr. George R. Fowler: Faculty Advisor Retires

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WITH MUCH REGRET the Iowa State University Veterinarian announces the resignation of our faculty advisor, Dr. George R. Fowler. Dr. Fowler helped found the ISU Veterinarian in 1938 and has served as faculty advisor for our publication to the present time, even though he went into full retirement a year ago. Dr. Fowler's ever present guidance and aid has proven invaluable to all who have been associated with the magazine in the past 23 years. His contributions to the Veterinarian will long be remembered by the students and his associates at Iowa State University.

Dr. Fowler was born 71 years ago in Grass Lake, Michigan. At the age of 13 he accompanied his parents to England, where his father was sent on an exchange program as a Minister of the Christian Church. Dr. Fowler received his secondary education in England and also one year of study at the University of Manchester before returning to the United States. The family then moved to New Mexico and while attempting to further his education he worked temporarily in mines and construction work. He soon had accrued enough financial security to allow him to resume his academic studies at the University of Missouri where he majored in General Agriculture. Concluding his studies at Missouri, Dr. Fowler accepted a position with the U.S. Reclamation Service on an irrigation project near Boise, Idaho. While on this job he found there was still homestead land available and in 1911 homesteaded a farm near Nampa, Idaho.

During his years on the farm Dr. Fowler realized that the limiting factor in livestock production is disease and he became quite interested in this matter. Dr. Fowler often accompanied a local veterinarian, Dr. Hostetler, on his calls. Dr. Fowler's ability was easily recognized, and Dr. Hostetler urged him to enter the profession of Veterinary Medicine.

In 1916 Dr. Fowler entered Washington State College at Pullman, to study Veterinary Medicine. Again he was plagued with financial worries and he was forced to continue farming at intervals. After nine years of intermittent educa-
tion Dr. Fowler was awarded his DVM in 1925. Upon graduation he accepted a position as instructor in the Department of Anatomy at Washington State. In 1928 Dr. Fowler came to Iowa State as Assistant Professor of Anatomy. The following year he transferred to the Department of Surgery. Within two years he was made acting head of the department and the next year, 1932, was appointed Head and Professor of Surgery. Dr. Fowler remained in this position until 1953 when the Departments of Medicine and Surgery were combined and he was made head of the united departments.

In addition to being faculty advisor to the Iowa State Veterinarian, Dr. Fowler was, for several years, an associate editor of the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association.

Dr. Fowler is a member of the American Veterinary Medical Association, the Iowa Veterinary Medical Association and an honorary member of the Eastern Iowa Veterinary Medical Association. He also is a member of Alpha Psi, Phi Kappa Phi, Phi Zeta, Alpha Zeta and Gamma Sigma Delta honorary fraternities. He is a member of Cardinal Key, The Philological Society, The Masonic Lodge and an honorary member of the Iowa State University Players. Dr. Fowler has served on many divisional and college committees, contributed material to several veterinary publications and has been included in programs for many national and state meetings.

Dr. Fowler resides in Ames with his wife the former Edna M. Doyl whom he married in 1928. They have one daughter, Mrs. William N. Sutherland, ISU '49, who lives in Knoxville, Tennessee where her husband is employed by the T.V.A. The Fowlers have four grandchildren.