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Professor of the Year
It was with a great deal of pride and respect that the Iowa State University Veterinary students selected Dr. Mack Emerson as their Professor of the Year. In his twenty-five years here at Iowa State University, he has given generously of his time and knowledge to all those who wish to learn from him.

Dr. Emmerson was born in Weston, Iowa; however, he received his grade school and high school educations in North Dakota. He also attended North Dakota State University in 1921–1923 as a student majoring in Veterinary Medicine. In 1923 he came to Iowa State University and received his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine in June of 1925. Dr. Emmerson then continued his education with a graduate program and received his Master of Science from Iowa State University in July of 1928. From 1929–1930 he studied in Zurich, Switzerland, where he received a Doktor der Medicinae Veterinaria from the Veterinar-Pathologisches Institut der Universität Zurick.

Dr. Emmerson continued his formal education with post-doctoral studies in radiology. These studies ranged from graduate trainee at Moore School of Electrical Engineering, University of Pennsylvania, to observer of Animal X-ray Therapy in Vienna, Austria, and Animal Radiographic Technics and Interpretations in Vienna, Austria; Munich, Germany; and Zurich Switzerland, and covered a span of eight years.

Dr. Emmerson is a member of several social and honorary organizations including Sigma Phi Epsilon, Alpha Psi, Omega Tau Sigma, Sigma Iota Zeta, Sigma Xi, Phi Kappa Phi, and Phi Zeta. He is also a member of many professional societies and organizations.

Dr. Emmerson's fields of interest lie in roentgen-ray diagnosis and therapy of animal diseases, diseases of reproduction in all domestic animals (particularly the horse and cow), surgical diseases of all domestic animals and dwarfism in beef cattle.

When asked how he felt about being selected as the Professor of the Year, he said, "I am very honored and pleased." He also commented that an instructor should be more concerned with teaching than with writing, constantly striving to improve the public image of the veterinary profession, and willing to do that research which is necessary to fill the blank spaces or the assumed areas of "facts" in his particular field of discipline.

When asked about his future plans, Dr. Emmerson knowingly smiled and said that he still has at least two more years as Professor and Chairman of Radiology, after which he plans to stay on the clinic staff. He also mentioned that he would like to do a study of the veterinary education in the Western Hemisphere. He said that a few years ago such a study was done in the Eastern Hemisphere and that he felt it would be quite beneficial for a similar study to be done here. Coming from a man who has had the opportunity to study, teach, and visit in ten of the Eastern Hemisphere countries, this sounds like a most worthwhile idea.

Dr. Emmerson, we certainly wish to express our congratulations on your past achievements and to wish you the very best for your future plans.

CONGRATULATIONS, DR. EMMERSON-SON, PROFESSOR OF THE YEAR.