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A Profile of Dr. John Herrick; Candidate for President of the A.V.M.A.

by Dennis Dinkla*

Dr. John B. Herrick, Extension Veterinarian and Professor of Veterinary Obstetrics at Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa, has recently announced his candidacy for the presidency of the American Veterinary Medical Association.

I am writing this article to inform you, the reader of the I.S.U. Veterinarian, of the qualifications and accomplishments of Dr. Herrick.

Dr. Herrick's statement, "Extension's classroom is the entire state, country and world," is truly exemplified by the scope of his activities in veterinary medicine. Dr. Herrick has served as the president of the Iowa Veterinary Medicine Association as well as serving on numerous committees of the I.V.M.A. He has served as chairman of many major state livestock disease control committees and is presently a member of the livestock associates serving Iowa agriculture.

Nationally, Dr. Herrick has served as president of the National Association of Extension Veterinarians, chairman of the Sire Health Committee of the National Association of Animal Breeders, chairman of the Infectious Diseases of Cattle Committee of the United States Livestock Sanitary Association, and chairman of the Abnormal Milk Committee of the Interstate Milk Shippers. He has also served on the National Brucellosis Committee, National Sheep Scab Committee, National Mastitis Council, and the Committee of the A.V. M.A. on Artificial Insemination. Dr. Herrick is a member of the Bovine Practitioners Association and serves on the Board of Directors of the American Society for the Study of Breeding Soundness. He is currently serving as Executive Board Member of the American Veterinary Medical Association from District 6, Iowa and Minnesota.

Internationally, Dr. Herrick has presented papers at the World Veterinary Congress in Spain and has served as a

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State Department Consultant in Argentina. His trips to Europe and South America have afforded him the opportunity to visit the majority of the veterinary schools on both of these continents. He is presently serving as Vice-President of the Pan American Veterinary Congress.

Dr. Herrick has presented papers to the majority of the veterinary associations in the United States and to many other district and affiliated associations of veterinary medicine. He serves as staff editor of veterinary journals and popular agricultural magazines and is in constant demand as a speaker on the physiology and pathology of reproduction in cattle.

As Extension Veterinarian in Iowa, he was one of the first in the nation to take refresher courses to the practitioners in the field. Dr. Herrick has aided in the organization of artificial insemination in Iowa, state-wide brucellosis control program and programs for “team approach” in mastitis, rabies and other disease control programs. He is currently connected with the program of preconditioning feeder cattle before they are shipped to the feeder. Through Dr. Herrick's efforts the Iowa 4-H youth this past year have had the opportunity to participate in a new program—the Iowa 4-H Veterinary Science Program. Being constantly interested in the progress and future of veterinary practice, his knowledge and acquaintanceship with the other facets of veterinary medicine were recognized this past May when Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman presented the United States Department of Agriculture Superior Service Award to Dr. John Herrick.

Dr. Herrick is a member of Phi Zeta, Gamma Sigma Delta and Epsilon Sigma Phi honorary societies. He is also a Rotarian and has served on several church and civic organizations.

In spite of Dr. Herrick's busy schedule, he finds time to spend with his wife and children at home in Ames, Iowa.