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ALUMNI NEWS

Class of 1955

As a continuing alumni feature the ISU Veterinarian is in this issue featuring the graduating class of 1955.

We have received replies from only 20 of the 57 inquiries distributed. Of these, 8 are in large animal practice and 4 are in small animal practice. Three can be classified as industrial veterinarians, 2 are federal meat inspectors, another is involved in agricultural banking and 2 are professors at veterinary schools. Two of those responding have received advanced degrees beyond their DVM. Nineteen of the 20 are married and to these families a total of 74 children have been born for an average of over 4 per family.

As before we are still interested in receiving replies from the remaining graduates of all three classes featured this past year. If for some reason you did not receive a questionnaire, feel free to send us a brief resume of your activities since your graduation. All replies will be printed in a future issue.

I would like to sincerely thank all those responding to the questionnaires sent out in the past year. It is only with your cooperation that this feature has been possible.

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ticipates in the Lions Club, church and school committees and various other community activities. He and his wife Doris have four children: Brian, 15, Bruce, 13, Gayle, 11, and Diane, 9. Their address is Paw Paw, Illinois 61353.

Dr. R. A. Carmichael is presently operating a large animal practice in Keota, Iowa, with his partner, Dr. R. T. Speaker. Dr. Carmichael is currently a member of the Executive Board of the IVMA and is chairman for the Eastern Iowa Clinic for 1970. In addition to being past president of the Keokuk County VMA he is also on the Board of Directors of the German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America, a member of the Executive Board of the Mid-Iowa Council of the Boy Scouts of America, and is an active Red Cross First Aid Instructor. Dr. Carmichael also counts memberships in the Lions Club and the Knights of Columbus in his many activities. He and his wife Elaine have six children, Joe, 12, Jim, 8, Laura, 7, Janet, 5, Jean, 3, and Catherine 3 mo. Their address is Keota, Iowa 52248.

Dr. John R. Conley is currently in a large animal practice in Le Mars, Iowa with Dr. Les Hemmingson (ISU '65) and Dr. Stanley Yoerger (ISU '69). Dr. Conley spent 2 years in the U. S. Veterinary Corps after graduation before joining the practice of Dr. Alex Hogg (K.S. '50) in Coin, Iowa. He opened his present practice in 1961 and practiced alone before Dr. Hemmingson joined him in 1965. Dr. Conley is currently President Elect of the Interstate VMA and is past president of the Siouxland VMA. He is also serving his second term as District V Executive Board Member of the IVMA and is a member of the Le Mars Community School Board. He and his wife Aurelia have six children, Tim, 16, Dan, 15, im, 13, Joe, 11, Susan, 9, and Tom, 4. Their address is Le Mars, Iowa 51031.

Dr. James A. Creel and his partner Dr. Arthur R. Lemley (ISU '64) are now operating a large animal practice in Cherokee, Iowa. Dr. Creel is a member of the Coon Valley VMA, North Central Iowa VMA, the IVMA and the AVMA. He is also active in the Cherokee Kiwanis Club and the Cherokee Toastmasters Club. He and his wife, Helen, and their children, Sara, 14, Amy, 11, and Jack, 8, live in Cherokee, Iowa 51012.

Dr. George S. Firkins is presently an industrial veterinarian with Salsbury Laboratories as a microbiologist in biologics production. His responsibility is to maintain quality in the present line of products and to conduct research and development within the limits of production. Previously he practiced at Kirkland, Illinois, for 5 1/2 years and was employed at the Iowa Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory for 6 years. He was awarded a Master of Science degree from I.S.U. in 1966. Dr. Firkins' activities include the local PTA, church council, church school teacher and scoutmaster. He and his wife Norma have three children, Carol, George, and Randy. Their address is 905 Ellis Drive, Charles City, Iowa 50616.

Dr. Bruce B. Gradous is presently in a small animal practice in Augusta, Georgia. His practice in Davenport with Drs. H. V. Lewis and M. H. Lang following graduation was interrupted in 1956 by duty in the Army. He moved to his present practice in 1960. He and his wife, Ann, and their children, Timothy, 10, and Robert, 8, live at 3220 Wrightsboro Road, Augusta, Georgia 30904.

Dr. Robert K. Gubser is now engaged in the field of agricultural banking and is employed by the Perry State Bank, Perry, Iowa, as operating office manager of Bank Offices in Bagley and Jamaica, Iowa. Dr. Gubser operated a large animal practice in this area for 13 years following graduation and a 2 year duty in the army. He is now actively involved in organization and development of Lake Panorama, a large, private lake development. While in practice he employed the following gentlemen: Dr. Joe Powell (MU), Dr. Tom Holcomb (ISU) and Dr. Darwin Kinne (ISU '68) who is now operating his former practice in Bagley. Dr. Gubser's activities include the IVMA, AVMA, Greene and Guthrie County associations, Lions Club, Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite Consistory, Za Ga Zig Shrine, local school board and Cub Master of the Boy Scouts of America. He and his wife
Sandra (ISU '56 He AA) have three children, Julie, 14, Terrie, 12, and Robert, 8. Following graduation Dr. Norman E. Hafen practiced for nearly 13 years in Chino, California. He has now returned to his home town of St. George, Utah, to help his aging parents, farm, do limited practice, and possibly some land development activities. Dr. Hafen is single.

Dr. Keith T. Johnson, after spending 2 years in the U. S. Air Force, moved to Rapid City, South Dakota and was associated with Dr. Jay H. Bennett for 3 years. He opened his own small animal clinic in 1961 in Rapid City and has been in practice by himself since then. He is currently a member of the West River VMA, AVMA, and is past president of the South Dakota VMA. Other activities include the Rapid City Rotary Club, Black Hills Divers (SCUBA), Shrine of Democracy Chorus, Boy Scouts leader, Western South Dakota Buck-a-ros, Black Hills Trail Ride, Inc., Pennington County Humane Society, Rapid City Jay Cees, Rapid City Kennel Club, The Bellew Angels (light aircraft), Mt. Rushmore Lodge no. 220 (Masonic) and the Elks Lodge. Dr. Johnson also has taught anatomy and items of general horse interest at Golden Leaf Farrier College, Sturgis, South Dakota, for 7 years. He and his wife Joann have 4 children, Amy, 14, Nancy, 12, David, 10, and Paul, 8. Their address is 2436 Canyon Lake Drive, Rapid City, South Dakota.

Dr. Robert H. LeVan is now employed by the USDA, Consumer and Marketing Service, working as meat inspector in four different packing plants in the Green Bay, Wisconsin area. He is an active member of the Wisconsin VMA and the National Association of Federal Veterinarians. Dr. LeVan, his wife Lois, and their children Linda, 15, Lisa, 13, and Eric, 11, live at 1204 Lourdes, West DePere, Wisconsin 54178.

Dr. William Lowry is currently in a mixed practice in Smithville, Missouri. His present associate is Dr. Dale E. Jackson Jr. (MU '70). In addition to memberships in the AVMA, Missouri VMA, and the Kansas City VMA, Dr. Lowry is a member of the Kiwanis Club, a 4-H leader, and a Youth Center Board Member. He and his wife Betty (ISU '51) have two sons, Jim, 15, and Rick, 13½. Their address is 315 Meadow, Smithville, Missouri 64089.

Dr. E. H. McGehee is now in a solo small animal practice in Germantown, Tennessee. His activities are limited to the Boy Scouts, an elder in the Presbyterian church and workshop activity. He and his wife Juliann have two sons, Pfc. Robert E. McGehee, of the U.S. Army in Long Binh, Viet Nam, and James McGehee, a high school junior. Their address is 2404 Arthur Rd., Germantown, Tennessee 38038.

Dr. Robert C. McClure is now Professor in the Department of Veterinary Anatomy at the University of Missouri, Columbia. Following graduation he became an instructor in Veterinary Anatomy at ISU until 1956 when he took a similar position at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York. He received his PhD. in Anatomy from Cornell in 1964. He took his present position in 1960 and was Chairman of the Department from 1966–1969. His teaching and research interests include functional anatomy, gross and development anatomy, comparative neurology-neuroanatomy, and veterinary medical history. Dr. McClure's professional affiliations include the American Association of Veterinary Anatomists, World Association of Veterinary Anatomists, American Association of Anatomists, Missouri VMA, AVMA, Association of American Medical Colleges, American Association for Advancement of Science, New York Academy of Sciences, and the American Association for Laboratory Animal Science. He and his wife Betty have 2 daughters, Dianne and Deborah. Their address is 700 Westridge Drive, Columbia, Missouri 65201.

Dr. Carl E. Miller is now a Commissioned Officer in Public Health Service, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland. Shortly after graduation he entered military duty at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, Washington, D. C., where he received his introduction to Laboratory Animal Medicine. At the
Vanderbilt University School of Medicine from 1957–'59 he was involved with lab animal medicine and also with the teaching of graduate students. He began his assignment with NIH in 1960, spending his first year in the primate quarantine and the next six years in germfree and SPF animal work, and RIF free chicken work. More recently he has concentrated his efforts in the Division of Biologics Standards, half time in research with germ-free and SPF animals and half time in contracts administration. He received his board certification from the American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine in 1964 and received his Master of Public Health Degree from the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health in Baltimore in 1966. Dr. Miller's professional affiliations include the AVMA, the Washington D. C., VMA several offices and responsibilities in the American Association of Laboratory Animal Science and a Board of member of the Association for Gnotobiotics. Other activities include a six year term as a church steward, a square dance club, elementary PTA committees, and Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. He and his wife Margery have three children, Carol, 15, David, 13, and Linda, 12. Their address is 11510 Patapsco Drive, Randolph Hills, Rockville, Maryland 20853.

Dr. Thomas A. Stephenson is now operating the Alosta Animal Hospital in Glendora, California. He was in a mixed practice in Yuba, City, California, from graduation in 1955 until 1963 when he built a new hospital in the Los Angeles area in Glendora (East San Gabriel Valley). He is now a member of the AVMA, California VMA, Souther California VMA, and an associate member of the American Animal Hospital Association, as well as being on the Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Kiwanis Club in Glendora. He and his wife Bernice have 5 children, Jolene, 24, Karl, 20, Denise, 16, D'Anna, 14, and Shirlene, 12. Their address is 1821 East Alosta Avenue, box 816, Glendora, California 91740.

Dr. Robert J. Van Ryzin is engaged in industrial pharmaceutical research for Sandoz Pharmaceuticals in Hanover, New Jersey. Dr. H. A. Harmon (OSU '58) is his associate. Following graduation Dr. Van Ryzin practiced briefly in Bethany, Missouri prior to serving 2 years in the U. S. Army Veterinary Corps under Dr. John Chenoweth (ISU '30). Following the service he worked in poultry pathology extension at Michigan under Dr. C. C. Morrill (MSU '33). More recently he has begun his work as a research pathologist in the pharmaceutical industry, first at Norwich Pharmaceutical Company under Dr. A. R. Borgmann (KSU '46) before taking his present position. He is presently a member of and participates in the activities of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists and the International Academy of Pathology. He and his wife Margaret have 9 children, Peter, 19, Anne, 17, Joan, 16, Helen, 14, Joe 13, John, 11, Mary, 9, William, 8, and Jean, 4. Their address is 403 Woodland Road, Madison, New Jersey 07940.

Dr. M. E. Fowler is presently engaged in teaching and research at the School of Veterinary Medicine, University of California, Davis. His areas of interest are teaching of clinical toxicology and particularly poisonous plants. He is also responsible for the program in zoo medicine and wildlife disease for the school. Dr. Fowler became a clinician at the University following three years of equine practice following graduation. He is presently a member of the Equine Practitioners Association, American Association of Zoo Veterinarians, Wildlife Disease Association, American College of Veterinary Toxicologists and a Diplomate of the American Board of Veterinary Toxicology. In addition he is currently serving as a bishop in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. He and his wife Audrey have 5 children, Alan, 18, Gene, 16, Janet, 14, Linda, 11, and Patricia, 9.

Dr. W. C. Hillman is presently a supervising veterinarian in the Meat and Poultry Inspection Program of the U.S.D.A. stationed in Denison, Iowa. Following graduation he was self employed in a large animal practice in Perry, Iowa, for 9 years prior to moving to Denison. He and his
wife Ketty have two children, Randall, 20, a student at Iowa State, and Jane, 14. Their address is Denison, Iowa 51442.

Dr. Wm. J. Owen is now operating the large animal practice in Maxwell, Iowa that he started following graduation. In addition to memberships in the Central Iowa VMA, IVMA and AVMA, he is also on his third term on the Maxwell school board, on the Board of Directors and Vice President of the Maxwell State Bank and in his fourth year on the Story County Extension Council. Also he is on the Board of Trustees of the United Methodist Church and a founder member of the North American Limousin Foundation. He and his wife JoAnne have 6 children, Debra, 19, Jennifer, 18, both ISU students, Patrice, 16, Pamela, 12, Bill, 8, and Joe, 6. Their address is Maxwell, Iowa.

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Dr. F. X. Dieter is presently in partnership with Dr. E. W. Dykstra (ISU '66) in a small animal practice in Torrance, Rolling Hills Estates, California. Dr. John A. Andrews (ISU '68) and Dr. Gail Blaser (ISU '70) are also associates in this practice. Following graduation Dr. Dieter practiced in partnership with Dr. L. A. Jensen (ISU '51) and Dr. J. M. Brown (ISU '51) in Wayne, Nebraska for 5 years before moving to the practice of Dr. A. A. Kerns (ISU '60) in Fairfield, California. Following three years of practice with Dr. K. D. Schulz (ISU '60) and Dr. W. A. Kimball (MSU) in Torrance, California, he moved to his present practice in 1968. Dr. Dieter and his wife Kathy have 4 children, Joseph, 10, Deborah, 8, John, 4, and Diane, 4 mo. Their address is 728 Deep Valley Drive, Rolling Hills Estates, California 90274.