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Dr. Mohri Ends Career at ISU

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Dr. R. W. Mohri is leaving Ames and Iowa State University after fifteen years of service to both. This article will not attempt to be a biography but will illustrate some of his professional accomplishments, in hopes that the readers will realize the caliber of man we are losing.

Dr. Mohri received his D.V.M. from Kansas State University in 1929, after which he served for a year as an instructor of Bacteriology at Auburn University. He was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Army Veterinary Corps in April of 1930. While in the Army he was further educated for the responsibilities of a veterinarian in the service and then served with cavalry units until WW II. During WW II he served for two years in China, Burma, and India as theatre veterinarian. Among the positions of responsibility which Dr. Mohri held while in the Army are Director of Veterinary Science at the Medical Field Service School, and Chief of the Veterinary Corps in Washington, D. C. He retired from the Army in 1958 having attained the rank of colonel and came to Iowa State University. At first, he was half time City of Ames Sanitarian and half time Associate Professor of Veterinary Hygiene, but in 1965 he assumed full time university duties.

Dr. Mohri's list of memberships in beneficial and honorary organizations includes the Academic Standards Committee, Curriculum Committee, Ames Kiwanis, Elks Club, Phi Zeta, and Mortar Board, however, a complete listing would fill many lines. Perhaps the most important to prospective veterinary students during the last twelve years was his position on the Admissions Board, where Dr. Mohri feels that several very good candidates have had to be eliminated due to lack of facilities.

Dr. Mohri says that he has seen many changes in the profession during his career, and he believes that a five year curriculum would be beneficial in that it would allow more specialization. However, he believes that the broad educational background must be maintained in order that veterinary medicine remain a profession and not become a technology.

As Dr. Mohri leaves for Sun City, Arizona, he leaves friends and students behind who say, "Thank you for everything," and wish him well.

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